

**ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
TOWN OFFICERS
OF THE
TOWN OF HOPEDALE**



**ONE HUNDRED AND TENTH EDITION
JULY 1, 1995 to JUNE 30, 1996
FISCAL YEAR 1996**

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TOWN OF HOPEDALE

GENERAL OFFICE:

Town Hall

78 Hopedale Street

P.O. Box 7

Selectmen

Town Coordinator

Town Accountant

Town Treasurer/Tax Collector

Water/Sewer Department

634-2203

634-2204

634-2205

Board of Assessors

634-2201

Town Clerk

634-2211

Highway Department

7 Depot Street

634-2207

Council on Aging

634-2208

Bancroft Library

634-2209

Police Department

473-8444

Police Emergency

473-2323

Fire Department

473-1050

Fire/Medical Emergency

473-2323

Waste Water Treatment Plant

634-2210

154 Mendon Street

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

Memorial School - 54 Adin St.

634-2214

Junior/Senior High School - 25 Adin St.

Superintendent's Office

634-2220

Principal's Office

634-2217

Guidance Office

634-2221

Pupil Personnel Services

634-2221

FEDERAL AND STATE OFFICIALS

U. S. SENATOR

Senator Edward M. Kennedy
315 Russell Senate Building
Washington, D.C. 20510
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Boston, MA 02203
(617) 565-3170

U. S. SENATOR

Senator John F. Kerry
421 Russell Senate Building
Washington, D.C. 20510
10 Park Plaza, Room 3220
Boston, MA 02116
(617) 565-8519

U. S. CONGRESSMAN

Richard Neal
131 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515
(202) 225-5601

SENATOR IN

MASSACHUSETTS LEGISLATURE

Matthew Amorello
Room 213B
State House
Boston, MA 02133
(617) 722-1485

REPRESENTATIVE IN

MASSACHUSETTS LEGISLATURE

Marie J. Parente
Room 167
State House
Boston, MA 02133
(617) 722-2692

ELECTED TOWN OFFICIALS

		<u>Term Expires</u>
Blackstone Valley Vocational High School Committee	Everett Young	1998
Board of Health	Louis Costanza (c)	1997
	Peter Mitchell	1999
	Elizabeth Sales	1998
Board of Selectmen	Christine Burke	1999
	John DiPietropolo	1998
	Alfred Sparling, Jr. (c)	1997
Housing Authority	Margaret Bishop	1998
	Paul Bresciani	2001
	Charles Germagian	2000
	Edward Malloy	1999
	Alice Phillips (c)	State Appointed
Park Commission	Robert Colcord	1999
	Richard Espanet (c)	1998
	Mark Sesona	1997
Planning Board	Joseph Luchini	1998
	Harland Griffin	2000
	Phillip LeMarbre	2001
	Steven Sinko	1998
	D. Craig Travers (c)	1997
Road Commissioners	John Farrar, Jr.	1999
	Merwin Noyes (c)	1997
	Eli Potty	1998
School Committee	John Bacon	1999
	Edward Burke	1998
	Leonard Garabedian	1997
	Linda Luckraft	1997
	Richard Martin (c)	1998
Town Clerk	Barbara Kochon	1998

		<u>Term Expires</u>
Town Moderator	Francis J. Larkin	1997
Tree Warden	David Sawyer	1999
Trustees of the Library	Roger Edwards (c)	1999
	Frederick Oldfield, III	1998
	David Williams	1997
Water and Sewer Commission	J. Mark Ansart (c)	1999
	Daniel McGovern	1997
	Walter Swift	1998

TOWN OFFICIALS AND APPOINTED POSITIONS

		<u>Term Expires</u>
Americans with Disabilities (ADA) Coordinator	Christopher Gaffney	1997
Animal Inspector	Leon Mael	1997
Associate Assessor	Russ Murray	
Bancroft Memorial Library, Director	Elaine Malloy	
Board of Assessors	Lisa Alberto	1997
	Robert Carbone	1998
	Richard Volpe (c)	1999
Board of Registrars	Jean Griffin (c)	1999
	Barbara Kochon	1998
	Mary Bliss	1998
	Dorothy Milanowski	1997
Building Commissioner	Michael Tusino	1997
Building Inspector	Michael Chaisson	1997
Central Mass. Regional Planning Commission	(Vacant)	
Chief Procurement Officer	Christopher Gaffney	1997
Conservation Commission	Robert Bird	1998
	John Farrar	1997
	Brian Koch	1997
	(Vacant)	1997
	Jennifer Weaver (c)	1999
Constables	Victor Best	1997
	Todd Boldy	1997
	Eugene Costanza	1997
	John Gagnon	1997
	Richard Mank	1997

Term Expires**Council on Aging**

Daniel Breen	1998
Mary Challela	1997
(Vacant)	1999
Robert Hammond (c)	1998
Jeanne McGuane	1998
Joan Pease	1997
Jacqueline Woodford	1997
William Wright	1997
Beverly Carver	1997

Council on Aging, Director

Carole Mullen	(Appt. FY 1997)
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Cultural Council

Joanne Andreotti	1997
Alison Beard Chu	1999
Linda Davis	1999
Janet Ellis	1999
Jan Neuding	1997
Dorothy Suszanski	1997
Susan Hourihan	1999
James Kenney	1999
Virginia Larkin	1999
Elizabeth Lerner	1999
Ann Marie Lockwood	1999
Matthew Masnik	1999

Commission on Disabilities

Mary Challela	1999
Peter Ellis, Jr. (c)	1999
Margaret Flynn	1998
Nancy Greene	1998

Dog Officer (Acting)

John Gagnon	(Appt. FY 1997)
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Finance Committee

Ed Burt	1997
Donald Comastra	1999
David Felper	1999
Jeanne McGuane	1999
Eugene Phillips	1997
Steve Tenneholtz (c)	1997
James Dalton	1998
Howard Maurer	1998
William Marquis	1997

Fire Chief	David Bliss	1997
Health Agent	Lenny Izzo	
Historical Documents Committee	Robert Hammond Frederick Oldfield, III Merrily Sparling	
Local Emergency Management Director	David Bliss	1997
Parking Fines Clerk	Katherine Garabedian	1997
Personnel Committee	Colleen Bliss	1999
	Roger Edwards	1999
	Pamela Hunter	1998
	Diana Hayes	1998
Plumbing Inspector	John Balanca	1997
Police Chief	Eugene Costanza	1997
Police Officers	Victor Best	1997
	Todd Boldy	1997
	John Gagnon	1997
	James Gardner	1997
	Mark Giovanella	1997
	Richard Mank	1997
	Wayne Minichielli	1997
	Steven Sweet	1997
(Res.) Police Officers	James Curley	1997
	Kellie Diliddo	1997
	Joseph Drugan	1997
	Charles Hester	1997
	Craig Hill	1997
	Michael Kehoe	1997
School Building Committee	Donald Hayes John DiPietropolo Howard Maurer Richard Martin Edward Burke Grace Dorsey	

School Building Com., Con't.	Ann Lavelle	
	Jessica LeMarbre	
	Linda Caulkins	
	Debbie Madden	
	Elizabeth Lerner	
	David Pantano	
Sealer of Weights and Measures	Ernest Panarese	1997
Superintendent of Shade Tree Mgmt. and Pest Control Officer	David Sawyer	1997
Tax Collector/Treasurer	Christine Collins	1999
Town Accountant	Katherine Garabedian	1997
Town Coordinator	Christopher Gaffney	1997
Town Counsel	Kopelman & Paige	1997
Veterans' Agent	Anthony Mastroianni	1997
Wiring Inspector	Albert Shimkus	1997
(Ass't.) Wiring Inspector	Joseph Scanzaroli	1997
Zoning Board of Appeals	Louis Costanza	1999
	Thomas Daige (Alternate)	1997
	Steven Gallagher	2001
	Thomas Haynes (c)	2001
	William Northrop	2001
	(Vacant) (Alternate)	2001
	Thomas Stock	2000
Zoning Enforcement Officer	Michael Tusino	1998

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
William Francis Galvin, Secretary of the Commonwealth

S.S.

TO THE CONSTABLES OF THE TOWN OF HOPEDALE:

GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town who are qualified to vote in Primaries to vote on **Tuesday, March 5, 1996**, at the George A. Draper Gymnasium, Dutcher Street, Hopedale, Massachusetts, from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. to cast their votes in the **Presidential Primary** for the candidates to political parties for the following offices:

PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE

DISTRICT MEMBERS OF STATE COMMITTEES (one man and one woman)
for each political party for the 2nd Worcester Senatorial District.

MEMBERS OF THE DEMOCRATIC TOWN COMMITTEE

MEMBERS OF THE REPUBLICAN TOWN COMMITTEE

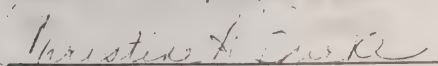
MEMBERS OF THE LIBERTARIAN TOWN COMMITTEE

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon at the time and place of said meeting.

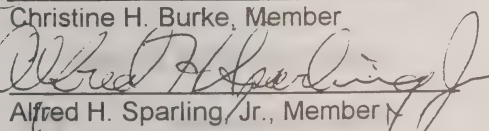
Given under our hands this 2 day of February, 1996.



John E. DiPietropolo, Chairman



Christine H. Burke, Member



Alfred H. Sparling, Jr., Member

SELECTMEN OF HOPEDALE, MASSACHUSETTS

Posted: February 14, 1996, at three town locations as required.



Constable

STATE PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY

Election Results

March 5, 1996

The polls opened at 7:00 a.m. and closed at 8:00 p.m. with 403 Republicans, 190 Democrats, and one Libertarian casting ballots for a total voter turnout of 594 (18 % of registered voters). Town Clerk Barbara Kochon announced the results at 8:45 p.m. as follows:

Democratic Presidential Preference

Bill Clinton	167
Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr.	5
No Preference	12
Blanks	6

Dem. State Committee Man

Guy William Glodis	111
Blanks	79

Dem. State Committee Woman

Roberta R. Goldman	68
Carolyn A. Grenier	59
Blanks	61
Write-Ins	2

Democratic Town Committee

Group	81
Pamela E. Hunter	99
Louis J. Noferi, Jr.	127
Paul R. Moore	99
Robert M. Moro	113
Paul J. Manning	98
Francis J. Larkin	131
Walter R. Swift	135
Jacqueline Burberry	105
Elizabeth T. Cox	118

Republican Presidential Preference

Richard G. Lugar	8
Morry Taylor	0
Phil Gramm	3
Patrick J. Buchanan	81
Bob Dole	223
Steve Forbes	51
Lamar Alexander	24
Alan Keyes	3
Robert K. Dornan	0
No Preference	2
Write-Ins	2
Blanks	6

State Committee Man

Ralph L. Lespasio	160
Paul K. Frost	141
Blanks	102

State Committee Woman

Deborah Messier	218
Brenda A. Ljunggren	82
Blanks	103

Republican Town Committee

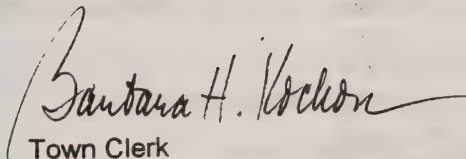
Richard Bethel	7
Peter Ellis	9
Edith Francis	8
Nancy Gannett	10
William Gannett	11
Robert Gately	6
Edward Horton	9
Marjorie Horton	8
Elizabeth Lacey	5
William Northrop	7
Helen Northrop	6
Alfred Sparling, Jr.	9
Bernard Stock	8
William Taft	8
Paul Washburn, III	5
Paul Yanovitch	9
Josephine Yanovitch	9
Jillian Yanovitch	9

Libertarian

Presidential Preference

Harry Browne	0
Rick Tompkins	0
Irwin Schiff	0
No Preference	1

ATTEST:


Town Clerk

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
WARRANT FOR THE ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION
TOWN OF HOPEDALE
May 13, 1996

WORCESTER, SS

To either of the constables in the Town of Hopedale, Greetings;

In the name of the Commonwealth aforesaid you are hereby required to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Hopedale, qualified to vote in elections, to meet at the George A. Draper Gymnasium on Dutcher Street, on Monday, May 13, 1996, at seven o'clock in the forenoon to vote for the following town officers and one ballot question:

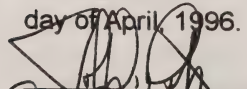
The polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

One Moderator	for one (1) year (unexpired term)
One Selectman	for three (3) years
One School Committee Member	for three (3) years
One Planning Board Member	for five (5) years
One Planning Board Member	for two (2) years (unexpired term)
One Board of Health Member	for three (3) years
One Housing Authority Member	for five (5) years
One Library Trustee	for three (3) years
One Park Commissioner	for three (3) years
One Park Commissioner	for one(1) year (unexpired term)
One Road Commissioner	for three (3) years
One Tree Warden	for three (3) years
One Water & Sewer Commissioner	for three (3) years

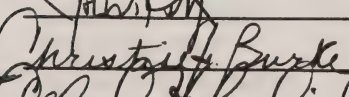
Question #1: Shall the Town of Hopedale vote to accept the provisions of Section Six C of Chapter Forty of the Massachusetts General Laws, which authorize cities and towns to appropriate money for the removal of snow and ice from private ways therein open to public use? ☐ YES ☐ NO

This notice shall be posted in three places in the Town of Hopedale, one of which shall be in the Town Hall, as required by the Town Bylaws, and you shall make your return thereof to the town clerk.

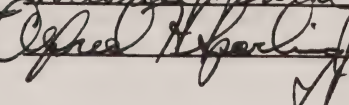
WITNESS OUR HANDS AND SEAL OF THE TOWN OF HOPEDALE, this
day of April, 1996.



John DiPietropolo, Chairman



Christine H. Burke



Alfred H. Sparling, Jr.

**TOWN OF HOPEDALE
ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION
OFFICIAL RESULTS
Monday, May 13, 1996**

The polls opened at 7:00 a.m. and closed at 8:00 p.m. with 1,387 registered voters casting ballots. Town Clerk Barbara H. Kochon announced unofficial results at 8:05 p.m. and the official results at 10:20 p.m. as follows:

TOWN MODERATOR - 1 YR. TERM

Francis J. Larkin	1,129*
Write-Ins	8
Blanks	250

SELECTMAN - 3 YR. TERM

Christine H. Burke	765*
Paul M. Yanovitch	596
Write-Ins	3
Blanks	23

SCHOOL COMMITTEE - 3 YR. TERM

John J. Bacon	1,082*
Write-Ins	6
Blanks	299

PLANNING BOARD - 5 YR. TERM

Philip M. LeMarbre	42*
Joseph Luchini	10
Elizabeth Meehan	8
Paul Yanovitch	2
Katherine Daige	2
Howard Maurer	2
Write Ins (one vote)	13
Blanks	1,308

* denotes winner

PLANNING BOARD - 2 YR. TERM

Joseph Luchini	27*
Maureen Haynes	12
Elizabeth Meehan	10
Philip LeMarbre	4
Michael Guidi	3
Howard Maurer	2
Write Ins (one vote)	10
Blanks	1,319

BOARD OF HEALTH - 3 YR. TERM

Peter B. Mitchell	1,002*
Write Ins	0
Blanks	385

HOUSING AUTHORITY - 5 YR. TERM

Paul L. Bresciani	1,092*
Write Ins	0
Blanks	295

LIBRARY TRUSTEE - 3 YR. TERM

Roger J. Edwards	746*
Leo F. Lyons	418
Write Ins	0
Blanks	223

PARK COMMISSIONER - 3 YR. TERM

Robert L. Colcord	1,051*
Writes Ins	2
Blanks	334

PARK COMMISSIONER - 1 YR. TERM

Mark Sesona	982*
Write Ins	1
Blanks	404

ROAD COMMISSIONER - 3 YR. TERM

John Farrar, Jr.	859*
Albert P. Camaroli	476
Write Ins	1
Blanks	51

TREE WARDEN - 3 YR. TERM

Peter J. De Almeida	401
David Sawyer	692*
Write Ins	1
Blanks	293

WATER & SEWER COMMISSIONER - 3 YR. TERM

J. Mark Ansart	1,014*
Write Ins	2
Blanks	371

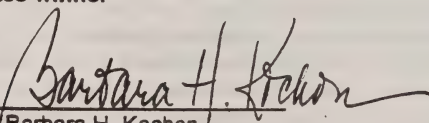
QUESTION #1

Shall the Town of Hopedale vote to accept the provisions of Section Six C of Chapter Forty of the Massachusetts General Laws, which authorize cities and towns to appropriate money for the removal of snow and ice from private ways therein open to public use?

YES	719*
NO	521
Blanks	147

* denotes winner

Attest:


Barbara H. Kochon
Town Clerk

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
WORCESTER, SS.
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT
APRIL 9, 1996**

To either of the Constables in the Town of Hopedale in said County, Greetings:

In the name of the Commonwealth aforesaid, you are required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Hopedale qualified to vote in town affairs to meet on Tuesday, April 9, 1996 in the Dennett Auditorium of the Hopedale Junior/Senior High School at 7:05 P.M. to act upon the following articles:

Article 1: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds sums of money as may be necessary to be added to various departmental budgets and appropriations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1996 or take any other action in relation thereto. (Board of Selectmen)

Article 2: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds sums of money as may be necessary to pay various prior year bills, or take any other action in relation thereto. (Board of Selectmen)

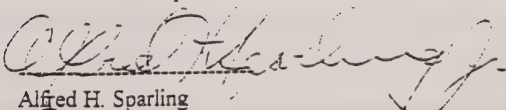
Article 3: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the stabilization account to the long term debt account such sum as may be necessary to pay long term debt due before the close of fiscal year 1996, or take any other action in relation thereto.

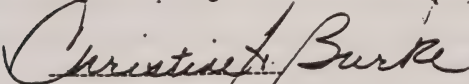
And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant with your doings thereon and make return to the Clerk of the Town of Hopedale, at the time of the meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands this 25th day of March 1996.

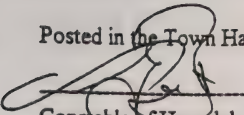
SELECTMEN OF HOPEDALE

John E. DiPietropolo


Alfred H. Sparling


Christine H. Burke

Posted in the Town Hall, Community House and Post Office Lobby.


Constable of Hopedale

3-26-96
Date

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
WORCESTER, SS.
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT
APRIL 9, 1996**

To either of the Constables in the Town of Hopedale in said County, Greetings:

In the name of the Commonwealth aforesaid, you are required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Hopedale qualified to vote in town affairs to meet on Tuesday, April 9, 1996 in the Dennett Auditorium of the Hopedale Junior/Senior High School at 7:00 P.M. to act upon the following articles:

Article 1: To see if the Town will vote to elect a temporary Moderator to preside over the 1996 Annual Town Meeting and the 1996 Special Town Meeting, both to commence this evening, or take any other action in relation thereto. (Board of Selectmen)

Article 2: To see if the Town will vote to hear and act upon the report of the Selectmen, and any other offices, departments and committees of said town, or take any other action in relation thereto. (Board of Selectmen)

Article 3: To see what salary and compensation the Town will allow each elected officer for his/her services in Fiscal Year 1997, or take any other action in relation thereto. (Board of Selectmen)

Article 4: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,955 for the Town's assessment for the Blackstone Valley Vocational Regional School, or take any other action in relation thereto. (Blackstone Valley Regional School Committee).

Article 5: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$990.42 to pay the Town's annual assessment of costs and expenses of the Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission District, or take any other action in relation thereto. (Board of Selectmen)

Article 6: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate through assessments provided under General Laws, Chapter 83, Section 16, and to be collected under Chapter 44, Section 53E, the bond issue payments of the Sewer Department, or take any other action in relation thereto. (Water and Sewer Commissioners)

Article 7: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds in the Treasury, a sum or sums of money for a Reserve Fund, or take any other action in relation thereto. (Finance Committee)

Article 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds in the Treasury, a sum of money for the Stabilization Fund as provided

under General Laws, Chapter 40, Section 5B, or take any other action in relation thereto. (Finance Committee)

Article 9: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Stabilization Account to the Long Term Debt Account a sum of money, or take any other action in relation thereto. (Board of Selectmen)

Article 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow, or transfer from available funds in the Treasury, such sum or sums of money as may be deemed necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing fiscal year as contained in the Finance Committee Report, or take any other action in relation thereto. (Finance Committee)

Article 11: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow, or transfer from available funds the sum of \$8,000 for the purchase and installation of windows at the Hopedale Town Hall, and related expenses, or take any other action in relation thereto. (Board of Selectmen)

Article 12: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the use of a revolving fund pursuant to General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53E and 1/2 for the purpose of funding a hazardous waste collection day and recycling program to include composting and yard waste and other related costs, which fund shall be credited with receipts from the Board of Health to be expended under the authority of the Board of Health, such expenditure not to exceed \$10,000 for Fiscal Year 1997 from said revolving fund, or take any other action in relation thereto. (Board of Health)

Article 13: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the use of a revolving fund pursuant to General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53E and 1/2 for the purpose of maintenance and other operating costs of the South Hopedale Cemetery, which fund shall be credited with receipts from the South Hopedale Cemetery to be expended under the authority of the Board of Selectmen, such expenditure not to exceed \$1,000 for the Fiscal Year 1997 from said revolving fund, or take any other action in relation thereto. (Board of Selectmen)

Article 14: To see if the Town will vote to delete Section 5 of Chapter XIV of the Hopedale Bylaws and replace it with the following new Section 5 as follows, or take any other action in relation thereto. (Board of Health)

Section 5. Whoever is the owner or keeper of a dog or cat in the Commonwealth six months of age or older shall cause such dog or cat to be vaccinated against rabies by a licensed veterinarian using a licensed vaccine according to the manufacturer's directions, and shall cause such dog or cat to be re-vaccinated at intervals recommended by the manufacturer. Unvaccinated dogs and cats acquired or moved into the Commonwealth shall be vaccinated within ninety days after the acquisition or arrival into the Commonwealth or upon reaching the age of six months, whichever last occurs. It shall be the duty of each veterinarian, at the time of vaccinating any dog or cat, to complete a

certificate of rabies vaccination which shall include, but not be limited to the following information: the owner's name and address; a description of the animal, including breed, sex, age, name and distinctive markings; the date of vaccination; the rabies vaccination tag number; the type of rabies vaccine used; the route of vaccination; the expiration date of the vaccine; and the vaccine lot number.

The veterinarian shall issue a tag with each certificate of vaccination. The tag shall be secured by the owner or keeper of such dog or cat to a collar or harness made of suitable material to be worn by the dog or cat; provided, however, that the owner of a cat may choose not to affix a tag to his cat, but shall have the tag available for inspection by authorized persons. In the event that a tag is lost, the owner or keeper of the animal shall, upon presentation of the original vaccination certificate, be issued a new tag.

In order for a dog or cat to be accepted at an animal hospital, veterinarian's office or boarding facility, an owner or keeper of such animal shall show proof of current vaccination against rabies; provided however, that if a dog or cat has not been so vaccinated or such owner or keeper fails to show such proof the animal shall be vaccinated against rabies prior to being discharged if the animal's medical condition permits.

The provisions of this section shall not apply to dogs or cats housed in a research institution.

Non-Criminal Disposition - Non criminal enforcement as described above may also be enforced, by the health agent, dog officer (animal control), or any police officer of the Town of Hopedale by non-criminal complaint pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 40 Section 21D and the Town's non-criminal disposition bylaw. Each day on which a violation exists shall be deemed to be a separate offense. The penalty for violation of any provision of this bylaw shall be:

First Offense	\$50
Second Offense	\$100
Third Offense	\$200

Article 15: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the use of a revolving fund pursuant to General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53E and 1/2 for the purpose of supporting the operating costs animal control division of the Board of Health, which fund shall be credited with receipts for the Boarding of stray animals, fines for violations, and the licensing of animals, to be expended under the authority of the Board of Health, such expenditure not to exceed \$10,000 for the fiscal year 1997, or take any other action in relation thereto. (Board of Health)

Article 16: To see if the Town will vote to allow any member of the Road Commissioners to receive the same hourly compensation as paid to the Highway Laborer for snow removal operations and natural disasters, and to be constables, or take any other action in relation thereto. (Road Commissioners)

Article 17: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Conservation Commission to spend without further appropriation in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 131, Section 40, the sum of \$316.60. received as filing fees in Fiscal Year 1995, or take any other action in relation thereto. (Conservation Commission)

Article 18: To see if the Town will vote to amend the Hopedale Zoning Bylaws by amending the Town of Hopedale's Zoning Map dated May 1, 1973 and any subsequent map adopted by the Town thereafter extending the Residential B (RB) Zoning District to the entire parcel described below, said parcel being presently zoned Commercial (C): or take any other action in relation thereto. (Planning Board)

Beginning at a point, said point being 267.00 feet distant from South Main Street along the Southerly property line of Michael J. and Elizabeth M. Iacovelli, THENCE N. 75 degrees 28' 37" E., 960 feet, more or less, by land now or formerly of one Butcher to a point on the centerline of the Charles River, THENCE Northerly along the centerline of the Charles River, 570 feet more or less, to a point at land owned by K & S Realty Trust, THENCE on a line being 300 feet Southerly of the Centerline of Charlesgate Road for a distance of 910 feet, more or less, to a point; THENCE running Southerly and 300 feet from the centerline of South Main Street at a distance of 140 feet, more or less, to the point and place of the beginning.

Said parcel to be rezoned contains an area of 4.2 acres more or less.

Article 19: To see if the Town will vote to establish an Economic Opportunity Area in the Town of Hopedale in accordance with Chapter 19 of the Acts of 1993, to include 23 Hopedale Street, identified as Assessors Map 11, lot 97, 24 Hopedale Street, identified as Assessors Map 8, lots 140 and 140-1, 6 Fitzgerald Drive, identified as Assessors Map Block 11, Block 174-1, 25 Hopedale Street, identified as Assessors Map 11, lot 116, 52 Dutcher Street, identified as Assessors Map 11, lot 118, 50 Dutcher Street, identified as Assessor's Map 11, Block 117, and 161 Freedom Street, identified as Assessors Map 9, Block 5, Greene Mill Estates, and the Airport Industrial Park, or take any other action in relation thereto. (Board of Selectmen)

Article 20: To see if the Town will vote to create a committee to be known as the Greene Mill Estates Committee to consist of no less than five but not more than seven registered voters of the Town of Hopedale, to be appointed by the Board of Selectmen, to consider the impact the proposed Greene Mill Estates subdivision will have on municipal services in Town and the culture and character of the Town, and to determine what amount, if any, the Town should appropriate to gain ownership of the parcel, and what future development of the property should take place, if any, and further that the Town raise and appropriate a sum of money to be used by said committee to perform their work. Said Committee shall report their findings to the Board of Selectmen by October 31, 1996 and upon such report, the Committee shall be dissolved, or take any other action in relation thereto. (Board of Selectmen)

Article 21: To see if the Town will take a non-binding referendum vote to direct the Board of Selectmen to reinstate David M. Durgin as Fire Chief to the Town of Hopedale, or take any other action in relation thereto. (Petition)

Article 22: To see if the Town will vote to establish an Enterprise Fund for the Sewer Department under the provisions of Chapter 44, Section 53F 1/2, of the Massachusetts General Laws, or take any other action in relation thereto. (Water and Sewer Commissioners)

Article 23: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money for the construction of septic systems for the subsurface disposal of sanitary waste, or for loans to property owners for such purposes, and to determine whether this appropriation shall be raised by borrowing under Chapter 44, by borrowing under Chapter 29C (the Massachusetts Water Pollution Trust), or otherwise; or take any other action in relation thereto. (Board of Selectmen)

Article 24: To see if the Town will vote to adopt the following By-law, and further that the Town raise and appropriate a sum of money to be used by said committee to perform their duties, or take any other action in relation thereto. (Board of Selectmen)

Sec. 1. A Committee to be known as the Capital Program Committee is hereby established under G.L. Ch.41, Sec.106B, composed of two members of the Finance Committee to be appointed by the Board of Selectmen and four additional members to be appointed by the Board of Selectmen. The members from the Finance Committee shall be appointed for one-year terms. The other members shall be appointed for four-year terms such that one will expire each year. None shall be a town officer or town employee. The Town Accountant shall be an ex-officio member without right to vote. A member who ceases to reside in the Town or who accepts employment with the Town shall resign. A vacancy shall be filled for the un-expired term in the manner of the original appointment. The Committee shall choose its own officers. It may spend such sums as shall annually be appropriated for its use. A quorum shall be a majority of those in office. A majority of members present shall have power to act.

Sec. 2 The Committee shall study proposed capital outlays involving the acquisition of land or involving an expenditure of \$10,000 and having a useful life of at least three years. All officers, boards and committees, including the Selectmen and the School Committee, shall by September 1st each year give to such Committee, on forms prepared by it, information concerning all projects anticipated by them to need town meeting action during the ensuing six years. The Committee shall consider the relative need, timing, and cost of these expenditures and the effect each will have on the financial position of the Town.

Sec. 3. The Committee shall transmit its recommendations as to items for the ensuing fiscal year to the Finance Committee for its review and possible inclusion in the Town budget.

Sec. 4. The Capital Program Committee shall also prepare a schedule of capital outlays which it recommends for funding in the second through sixth ensuing fiscal years, with notes as to funding sources called the “Capital Program.” The text and tables of the capital program shall be published with the Finance Committee report. The original shall be deposited with the Town Clerk.

Sec. 5. The Committee may undertake such investigations and hold such hearings as it may deem necessary.

Article 25: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the treasurer to borrow, in anticipation of State reimbursement from Chapter 90 and any other Chapter funds and/or grants a sum of money for the purpose of funding road paving projects, incidental work, and any other expenditures authorized under their provisions, or take any other action in relation thereto. (Road Commissioners)

Article 26: To see if the Town will vote to add the following bylaw, or take any other action in relation thereto. (Water and Sewer Commissioners)

WATER USE RESTRICTION BYLAW

SECTION 1 AUTHORITY

This Bylaw is adopted by the Town under its police powers to protect public health and welfare and its powers under M.G.L. c.40, sec. 21 et seq. and implements the Town’s authority to regulate water use pursuant to M.G.L. c. 41, sec. 69B. This bylaw also implements the Town’s authority under M.G.L. c. 40, sec. 41A, conditioned upon a declaration of water supply emergency issued by the Department of Environmental Protection.

SECTION 2 PURPOSE

The purpose of this bylaw is to protect, preserve and maintain the public health, safety and welfare whenever there is in force a State of Water Supply Conservation or State of Water Supply Emergency by providing for enforcement of any duly imposed restrictions, requirements, provisions or conditions imposed by the Town or by the Department of Environmental Protection.

SECTION 3 DEFINITIONS

Board of Water Commissioners shall mean the Board of Water Commissioners of the Town of Hopedale.

Enforcing Person shall mean the Town's Board of Water Commissioners, its duly appointed agents, employees and members, the Board of Health, the Town Police, Special Police, and any other person designated by the Town as having police powers.

State of Water Supply Emergency shall mean a State of Water Supply Emergency declared by the Department of Environmental Protection under M.G.L. c.21G, sec 15-17.

State of Water Supply Conservation shall mean a State of Water Supply Conservation declared by the Town pursuant to section 4 of this bylaw.

Water Users or Water Consumers shall mean all public and private users of the Town's public water system, irrespective of any person's responsibility for billing purposes for water used at any particular facility.

SECTION 4 DECLARATION OF A STATE OF WATER SUPPLY CONSERVATION

The Town, through its Board of Water Commissioners, may declare a State of Water Supply Conservation upon a determination by a majority vote of the Board that a shortage of water exists and conservation measures are appropriate to ensure an adequate supply of water to all water consumers. Public notice of a State of Water Supply Conservation shall be given under Section 6 of this bylaw before it may be enforced.

SECTION 5 RESTRICTED WATER USES

A declaration of a State of Water Supply Conservation shall include one or more of the following restrictions, conditions, or requirements limiting use of water as necessary to protect the water supply. The applicable restrictions, conditions or requirements shall be included in the public notice required under Section 6.

- a] Odd/Even Day Outdoor Watering Outdoor watering by water users with odd-numbered addresses is restricted to odd-numbered days. Outdoor watering by water users with even-numbered addresses is restricted to even-numbered days.
- b] Outdoor Watering Ban Outdoor watering is prohibited.
- c] Outdoor Watering Hours Outdoor watering is permitted only

for a period not to exceed two hours per user or consumer per day and only during the period from 10 PM to 4 AM.

d) Filling Swimming Pools Filling of swimming pools is prohibited.

e) Automatic Sprinkler Use The use of automatic sprinkler systems is prohibited.

SECTION 6 PUBLIC NOTIFICATION OF A STATE OF WATER SUPPLY CONSERVATION; NOTIFICATION OF DEP

Notification of any provision, restriction, requirement or condition imposed by the Town as part of a State of Water Supply Conservation shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation within the Town, or by such other means reasonably calculated to reach and inform all users of water of the State of Water Supply Conservation. Any restriction imposed under Section 5 shall not be effective until such notification is provided. Notification of the State of Water Supply Conservation shall also be simultaneously provided to the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection.

SECTION 7 TERMINATION OF A STATE OF WATER SUPPLY CONSERVATION; NOTICE

A State of Water Supply Conservation may be terminated by a majority vote of the Board of Water Commissioners, upon a determination that the condition or condition(s) set forth in Section 4 no longer exists. Public notification of the termination of a State of Water Supply Conservation shall be given in the same manner required by Section 6.

SECTION 8 STATE OF WATER SUPPLY EMERGENCY; COMPLIANCE WITH DEP ORDERS

Upon notification to the public that a declaration of a State of Water Supply Emergency has been issued by the Department of Environmental Protection, no person shall violate any provision, restriction, requirement, condition of any order approved or issued by the Department intended to bring about an end to the State of Emergency.

SECTION 9 PENALTIES

The enforcing persons, as defined in Section 3 of this Bylaw, may enforce the provisions of this Bylaw. Any person violating this Bylaw may be subject to civil or criminal enforcement. With regard to criminal

enforcement, a violator shall be liable to the town in the amount of \$50.00 for the first violation and \$100.00 for each subsequent violation which shall inure to the town for such uses as the Board of Water Commissioners may direct. Each day a violation occurs, and each separate violation of the bylaw, shall constitute a separate offense.

As an alternative to criminal prosecution, the enforcing person may enforce this bylaw pursuant to the non-criminal disposition statute, G.L. c.40, S.21D, and the Town's non-criminal disposition Bylaw of the General bylaws. The Non-criminal penalty for violation of any provision of this bylaw shall be:

First Offense:	\$50.00
Second Offense:	\$100.00
Third and subsequent Offenses:	\$200.00

SECTION 10 SEVERABILITY

The invalidity of any portion or provision of this bylaw shall not invalidate any other portion or provision thereof.

Article 27: To see if the Town will vote to amend its Non-Criminal Disposition bylaw by adding the following bylaws to be enforced through non-criminal disposition, or take any other action in relation thereto. (Board of Selectmen)

Zoning Bylaws (Zoning Enforcement Officer) 1st Offense	\$50.00
Second Offense	\$100.00
Third Offense	\$200.00

Article 28: To see if the Town will vote to direct the Board of Selectmen to petition the State Legislature to rescind Chapter 550 of the Acts of 1983, which established the position of Town Administrator, thereby rescinding section nine of Chapter 3 of the Hopedale General Bylaws, or take any other action in relation thereto. (Board of Selectmen)

Article 29: To see if the Town will vote to request that the Board of Selectmen appoint a chief of the police and fire departments, otherwise known as a commissioner of public safety, pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 41 sections 21 and 101, thereby, or take any other action in relation thereto. (Board of Selectmen)

Article 30: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow or transfer a sum to be utilized to repair the fence around Town Park, and related expenses, or take any other action in relation thereto. (Park Commissioners)

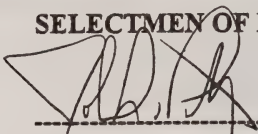
Article 31: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow or transfer from available sums the amount of \$21,000 to purchase a SPED transportation van, or take any other action in relation thereto (School Committee)

Article 32: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow or transfer from available sums the amount of \$21,000 for the repair of roadway, drainage, and recreational areas in relation to the new elementary school construction, or take any other action in relation thereto. (School Department)

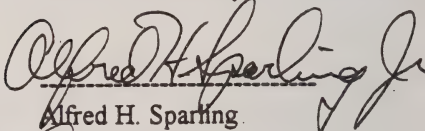
And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant with your doings thereon and make return to the Clerk of the Town of Hopedale, at the time of the meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands this 28th day of March 1996.

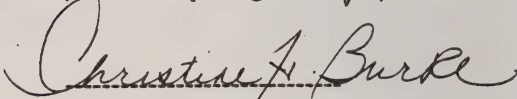
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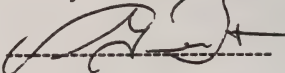


Alfred H. Sparling



Christine H. Burke

Posted in the Town Hall, Community House and Post Office Lobby.



Constable of Hopedale

3-29-96

Date

Report of the Finance Committee

Annual Town Meeting
April 9, 1996



Steve Tenenholtz, Chairman
Gene Phillips, Vice Chairman
Donald Comastra
Edward Burt
David Felper
Jeanne McGuane
James Dalton
Howard Maurer
William Marquis

April 9, 1996

To the Citizens of Hopedale:

Tonight's Annual Town Meeting convenes for the main purpose of voting on a proposed budget for Fiscal Year 1997, which begins on July 1st, 1996.

As was the case last year, the budget proposed by the Finance Committee envisions no new increase in real estate taxes for property owners. This is the result of departmental spending increases (averaging roughly 8%) which are fully funded by increases in state aid and local receipts. Please note that the passage of this proposed budget will not guarantee tax bills identical to this year for each taxpayer, but only that the Town's average tax bill will be the same. Changes in relative property values or shifts in value between commercial/industrial and residential parcels could mean some changes in tax bills for some property owners.

In total, Town department budget requests, i.e., those proposed budgets submitted to the Finance Committee for consideration during the past few months, would (if funded) have added \$1.2 Million to operating budgets for the coming year, and resulted in increased property taxes. Clearly, the Finance Committee's goal in offering budgets reduced from these initial proposals is to maintain a stable tax bill for Town residents.

Another important feature of tonight's proposed budget is the dramatic increase in debt expenditures to which the Town is now committed. During the coming Fiscal Year we will spend roughly \$1.065 Million in debt service, which is about double the amount spent during the present year. State reimbursement for school construction debt, however, largely negates the impact on property owners.

While not all details regarding implementation are known presently, tonight's budget does include funds for an E-911 dispatching unit. We anticipate implementation of this service sometime in the Fall of this year, and have budgeted accordingly, for a period of nine months.

The use of the Town's Stabilization Fund will allow us to offset additional increases in the FY 1997 budget. The plan is to utilize \$144,000 during the present and coming years, which will reduce the balance in this account to about \$440,000.

Also on tonight's agenda will be the inclusion of a brief Special Town Meeting to deal with current year funds transfers. These transfers amount to a total of \$340,454 and the Finance Committee recommends favorable action on this article.

Specific article recommendations (and comments) are as follows:

<u>Article Number:</u>	<u>Recommendation:</u>	<u>Comments:</u>
1	Favorable	Due to the current vacancy in the office of Town Moderator, we must appoint a Moderator to conduct this evening's business.
2	Favorable	This allows town officials to present reports to the voters.
3	Favorable	Compensation is to be set at present levels.
4	Favorable	This satisfies the Town's annual obligation to the Blackstone Valley Vocational Regional School District.
5	Favorable	This satisfies our annual assessment from the Central Mass. Regional Planning Commission.
6	Favorable	This satisfies our annual sewer bond payment.
7	Favorable	This will set aside the sum of \$25,000. in our Reserve Fund.
8	Pass Over	The Finance Committee does not recommend an addition to the Stabilization Fund this year.
9	Favorable	The sum of \$73,184 should be taken from the Stabilization Fund to pay a portion of the payment due on the bond for the Memorial School project.
10	Favorable	This is the article which sets the budgets for all departments.
11	Unfavorable	The Finance Committee does not recommend that additional funds be raised to repair windows at the Town Hall at this time.

12	Favorable	This permits the Board of Health to establish an account dedicated to a "Hazardous Waste Day".
13	Favorable	This extends the existing revolving account for the South Hopedale Cemetery for a year.
14	Favorable	This change will allow non-criminal fines to be assessed against violators of the by-law.
15	Unfavorable	The Finance Committee suggests that any such receipts be deposited into the General Fund.
16	Favorable	This permits Commissioners to be paid hourly for services rendered, as is currently the case.
17	Favorable	Approval allows the Conservation Commission to spend funds already in its possession.
18	Favorable	The Planning Board recommends this action to provide consistent zoning of the subject parcel.
19	Favorable	This action will allow tax incentives to be offered with respect to the specified parcels.
20	Favorable	This will create a committee to research potential impacts of the Greene Mill Estates subdivision.
21	Unfavorable	This is a non-binding action.
22	Unfavorable	Pending legislation addresses this.
23	Pass Over	The Commonwealth has not provided all pertinent data.
24	Favorable	This will create a committee to assess the need, priority, and budgetary impact of future capital expenditures.

25	Favorable	The Town would be authorized to act in anticipation of receiving state funds in reimbursement for street projects.
26	Favorable	This will add a new by-law to enforce restrictions during any state of water supply conservation or emergency.
27	Favorable	This by-law change will allow the imposition of non-criminal fines against offenders of zoning by-laws.
28	Favorable	Such action will rescind special legislation regarding the former position of Town Administrator.
29	Favorable	Approval of this article would allow the Board of Selectmen to place a question on the ballot at the Annual Town Election in 1997 to determine whether the Town ought to replace the current positions of Police Chief and Fire Chief with a Public Safety Director.
30	Pass Over	This cost will be handled within the Park Department's current budget.
31	Pass Over	This cost has been included in the School Department's operating budget.
32	Unfavorable	The Finance Committee does not recommend raising additional funds for the repair of roadway, drainage, and recreational areas at the Memorial School site at this time.

DEPARTMENT/DESCRIPTION	FY 96 APPROP	FY 97 REQUEST	FY 97 RECOMMEND	INC/ DEC
1 GENERAL FUND - 100 GENERAL GOVERNMENT				
SALARY & WAGES PERMANENT	0	0	0	
OTHER	35,000	100,000	30,000	
TOWN COUNSEL	35,000	100,000	30,000	-14.29%
SALARIES ELECTED OFFICIALS	200	200	200	
OTHER	50	50	50	
TOWN MODERATOR	250	250	250	
SALARIES ELECTED OFFICIALS	2,700	2,700	2,700	
OTHER	3,400	3,400	3,400	
AWARDS	200	200	200	
SELECTMEN	6,300	6,300	6,300	
TAX CREDITS	8,000	8,000	0	
ELDERLY TAX CREDITS	8,000	8,000	0	-100.00%
OTHER		12,140	8,640	
COMPUTER		12,140	8,640	
SALARIES	53,000	54,590	54,590	
OTHER	23,970	22,470	22,470	
MANAGER	76,970	77,060	77,060	0.12%
COMMUNICATIONS/REPORTS	1,500	1,500	1,000	
OFFICE	1,500	1,500	500	
FINANCE COMMITTEE	3,000	3,000	1,500	-50.00%
SALARY & WAGES PERMANENT	31,677	35,500	35,500	
OTHER	16,280	13,800	13,800	
ACCOUNTANT	47,957	49,300	49,300	2.80%
SALARY & WAGES PERMANENT	42,300	39,000	39,000	
OTHER PERSONAL SERVICES	3,500	3,900	3,500	
OTHER	17,850	19,295	19,295	
ASSESSORS	63,650	62,195	61,795	-2.91%
SALARY & WAGES PERMANENT	36,617	37,716	37,716	
OTHER	28,740	25,640	25,640	
TREASURER/COLLECTOR	65,357	63,356	63,356	-3.06%
SALARIES ELECTED OFFICIALS	15,000	15,000	15,000	
OTHER	2,640	2,610	2,610	
CLERK	17,640	17,610	17,610	-0.17%
SALARY & WAGES PERMANENT	700	2,100	2,100	
OTHER	1,130	3,655	3,655	
ELECTIONS	1,830	5,755	5,755	214.48%

DEPARTMENT/DESCRIPTION	FY 96 APPROP	FY 97 REQUEST	FY 97 RECOMMEND	INC/ DEC
SALARY & WAGES PERMANENT	1,302	1,302	1,302	
OTHER	434	1,234	1,234	
REGISTRATION	1,736	2,536	2,536	46.08%
SALARY	200	200	0	
OTHER	200	200	0	
PARKING CLERK	400	400	0	-100.00%
COMMUNICATIONS/NOTICE	0	0	0	
OTHERWISE UNCLASSIFIED	2,150	2,150	150	
CONSERVATION COMMITTEE	2,150	2,150	150	-93.02%
SALARIES	0	0	0	
OTHER	1,000	1,000	500	
PLANNING BOARD	1,000	1,000	500	-50.00%
COMMUNICATIONS/NOTICE	750	750	750	
ZONING BOARD	750	750	750	
OTHER SUPPLIES	2,500	500	200	
INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT CORP	2,500	500	200	-92.00%
SALARY & WAGES PERMANENT	5,702	5,873	5,873	
OTHER	22,650	26,250	26,250	
PUBLIC BLD - TOWN HALL	28,352	32,123	32,123	13.30%
TOTAL - GENERAL GOV	362,842	444,425	357,825	-1.38%

1 GENERAL FUND - 200 PUBLIC SAFETY

SALARY & WAGES PERMANENT	334,615	344,787	344,787	
ADDITIONAL GROSS, OVERTIME	38,642	39,801	39,801	
OTHER	70,964	80,369	80,369	
E 911 DISPATCHERS				
DISPATCH SALARY	0	55,952	42,396	
DISPATCH OT	0	5,815	4,361	
POLICE	444,221	526,724	511,714	15.19%
SALARY & WAGES PERMANENT	163,002	165,023	165,023	
SALARY & WAGES TEMPORARY	27,074	27,886	27,886	
ADDITIONAL GROSS, OVERTIME	42,400	44,800	40,000	
OTHER	49,206	61,856	58,656	
FIRE	281,682	299,565	291,565	3.51%
POLICE DETAIL SALARIES	5,000	5,000	5,000	
TOWN POLICE DETAIL	5,000	5,000	5,000	
SALARY & WAGES PERMANENT	8,400	8,400	8,400	
OTHER	2,200	2,200	2,100	
BUILDING INSPECTOR	10,600	10,600	10,500	-0.94%

DEPARTMENT/DESCRIPTION	FY 96 APPROP	FY 97 REQUEST	FY 97 RECOMMEND	INC/ DEC
SALARY & WAGES PERMANENT	1,500	1,200	1,200	
OTHER		300	300	
PLUMBING INSPECTOR	1,500	1,500	1,500	
SALARY & WAGES PERMANENT	1,500	1,200	1,200	
OTHER		300	300	
ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR	1,500	1,500	1,500	
SALARY & WAGES PERMANENT	0	0	0	
OTHER	1,395	1,395	1,095	
CIVIL DEFENSE	1,395	1,395	1,095	-21.51%
SALARY & WAGES PERMANENT	3,400	6,000	6,000	
OTHER	2,738	12,600	3,000	
DOG OFFICER	6,138	18,600	9,000	46.63%
SALARIES ELECTED OFFICIALS	600	600	600	
OTHER	8450	12150	8550	
FORESTRY-TREE PLANTING	9,050	12,750	9,150	1.10%
OTHER PERSONAL SERVICES	100	300	300	
FORESTRY-PEST CONTROL	100	300	300	200.00%
OTHER PERSONAL SERVICES	750	750	750	
FORESTRY-DUTCH ELM	750	750	750	
TOTAL - PUBLIC SAFETY	761,936	878,684	842,074	10.52%

1 GENERAL FUND - 300 EDUCATION

SCHOOLS	4,652,272	5,326,974	5,014,000	
SCHOOL DEPARTMENT	4,652,272	5,326,974	5,014,000	7.78%

1 GENERAL FUND - 400 PUBLIC WK

SALARY & WAGES PERMANENT	120,407	142,626	133,682	
SALARIES ELECTED OFFICIALS	1,400	1,400	1,400	
ADDITIONAL GROSS, OVERTIME	4,635	6,000	6,000	
LEASE	18,000	18,000	18,000	
OTHER	82,276	121,585	114,585	
HIGHWAY	226,718	289,611	273,667	20.71%
CONTRACTED SNOW REMOVAL	8,000	9,000	8,000	
OTHER	44,000	48,000	46,000	
SNOW REMOVAL	52,000	57,000	54,000	3.85%
ENERGY	39,400	40,582	40,582	
STREET LIGHTING	39,400	40,582	40,582	3.00%

DEPARTMENT/DESCRIPTION	FY 96 APPROP	FY 97 REQUEST	FY 97 RECOMMEND	INC/ DEC
SALARY & WAGES PERMANENT	950	950	950	
OTHER	1,200	1,550	1,550	
CEMETERY	2,150	2,500	2,500	16.28%
TOTAL - PUBLIC WORKS	320,268	389,693	370,749	15.76%
1 GENERAL FUND - 500 HUMAN SERVICES				
SALARY & WAGES PERMANENT	6,600	6,600	6,600	
SALARIES ELECTED OFFICIALS	1,400	1,400	1,400	
OTHER	234,525	262,146	257,146	
HEALTH OFFICER	242,525	270,146	265,146	9.33%
SALARY & WAGES PERMANENT	17,230	18,091	18,091	
OTHER	11,435	31,199	23,835	
COUNCIL ON AGING	28,665	49,290	41,926	46.26%
SALARY & WAGES PERMANENT	2,385	2,385	2,385	
VETERAN'S BENEFITS	10,000	10,000	7,000	
VETERANS	12,385	12,385	9,385	-24.22%
OTHER	200	150	150	
COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES	200	150	150	-25.00%
TOTAL - HUMAN SERVICES	283,775	331,971	316,607	11.57%
1 GENERAL FUND - 600 CULTURE AND RECREATION				
SALARY & WAGES PERMANENT	69,087	75,297	72,544	
OTHER	40,822	73,495	65,561	
LIBRARY	109,909	148,792	138,105	25.65%
SALARY & WAGES PERMANENT	12,356	25,065	18,385	
OTHER	15,770	15,770	14,070	
PARKS	28,126	40,835	32,455	15.39%
ENERGY ELECTRIC	600	600	600	
RED SHOP TOTAL	600	600	600	
OFFICE	400	400	400	
HISTORICAL COMMITTEE	400	400	400	
RECREATIONAL	1,000	800	800	
MEMORIAL DAY	1,000	800	800	-20.00%
RECREATIONAL	2,261	2,261	2,261	
COUNCIL ON ARTS	2,261	2,261	2,261	
TOTAL - CULTURE AND REC	142,296	193,688	174,621	22.72%

DEPARTMENT/DESCRIPTION	FY 96 APPROP	FY 97 REQUEST	FY 97 RECOMMEND	INC/ DEC
<u>1 GENERAL FUND - 700 DEBT SERVICE</u>				
MUNICIPAL HTNG FACILITY PRINCIPAL	15,000	15,000	15,000	
SCHOOL BUSES PRINCIPAL	17,500	17,500	17,500	
FIRE VEHICLES PRINCIPAL	65,000	65,000	65,000	
SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION PRINCIPAL	0	430,000	356,816	
HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT PRINCIPAL	25,000	25,000	25,000	
POLICE BLDG PRINCIPAL	69,000	85,000	85,000	
RETIREMENT OF DEBT	191,500	637,500	564,316	194.68%
MUNICIPAL HEATING FACILITY INT	1,500	750	750	
SCHOOL BUSES INTEREST	1,838	613	613	
FIRE VEHICLES INTEREST	15,000	9,808	9,808	
HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT INTEREST	6,900	5,040	5,040	
POLICE BLDG INTEREST	19,140	19,425	19,025	
SCHOOL BLDG INTEREST		389,153	389,153	
INTEREST ON LONG TERM DEBT	44,378	424,789	424,389	856.30%
TAX ANTICIPATION LOAN	2,000	2,080	2,000	
SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION INTEREST	220,000	0	0	
INTEREST ON SHORT TERM DEBT	222,000	2,080	2,000	-99.10%
TOTAL - DEBT SERVICE	457,878	1,064,369	990,705	116.37%
<u>1 GENERAL FUND - 800 INTERGOVERNMENTAL</u>				
COUNTY RETIREMENT ASSESSMENT	162,388	163,243	163,243	
COUNTY ASSESSMENTS	162,388	163,243	163,243	0.53%
<u>1 GENERAL FUND - 900 MISCELLANEOUS</u>				
OTHERWISE UNCLASSIFIED	15,000	15,000	15,000	
RETIREMENT	15,000	15,000	15,000	
FRINGE BENEFITS, ON BEHALF EMPLOYEE	5,000	7,500	7,500	
UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION	5,000	7,500	7,500	50.00%
FRINGE BENEFITS, ON BEHALF EMPLOYEE	35,190	42,000	42,000	
MEDICARE	35,190	42,000	42,000	19.35%
INSURANCE PREMIUMS	458,806	472,570	497,570	
HEALTH AND LIFE INSURANCE	458,806	472,570	497,570	8.45%
WORKERS COMP.	5,000	15,000	10,000	
INSURANCE PREMIUMS	75,000	82,500	82,500	
LIABILITY & WORKERS COMP.	80,000	97,500	92,500	15.63%
TOTAL - MISCELLANEOUS	593,996	634,570	654,570	10.20%
	7,737,651	9,427,617	8,884,394	14.82%

<u>DEPARTMENT/DESCRIPTION</u>	FY 96 APPROP	FY 97 REQUEST	FY 97 RECOMMEND	INC/ DEC
<u>20 WATER & 21 SEWER - 400 PUBLIC WORKS AND FACILITIES</u>				
SALARY & WAGES PERMANENT	83,594	86,100	84,671	1.29%
SALARIES ELECTED OFFICIALS	700	700	700	
ADDITIONAL GROSS, OVERTIME	11,799	12,390	12,153	
OTHER	197,472	227,224	227,224	
WATER	293,565	326,414	324,748	10.62%
SALARY & WAGES PERMANENT	83,594	86,820	84,671	
SALARIES ELECTED OFFICIALS	700	700	700	
ADDITIONAL GROSS, OVERTIME	10,600	11,130	10,918	
OTHER	224,160	220,160	210,160	
SEWER	319,054	318,810	306,449	-3.95%
TOTAL - WATER & SEWER	612,619	645,224	631,197	3.03%
TOTAL WITH WATER & SEW	8,350,270	10,072,841	9,515,591	13.96%

**MINUTES
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
TOWN OF HOPEDALE
APRIL 9, 1996**

The inhabitants of the Town of Hopedale, qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs, met in the Dennett Auditorium of the Hopedale Junior Senior High School at 7:00 p.m. At 7:05 p.m., Town Clerk Barbara H. Kochon called the meeting to order and declared a quorum present. The meeting was called under the authority of a Warrant dated March 25, 1996, with the Return of Service dated March 26, 1996.

The Town Clerk announced the need to elect a temporary Town Moderator to preside over the meeting due to the resignation, during term, of Bernard Stock. Mr. Stock was recognized by the voting body for his meritorious service to the Town in the capacity of Town Moderator. The Town Clerk then began reading the Warrant, and upon motion duly voted, dispensed with further reading of the Warrant, and proceeded as follows:

Article 1: Resident Bernard Stock moved to nominate Francis J. Larkin as temporary Town Moderator to preside over the 1996 Annual Town Meeting and the 1996 Special Town Meeting, both commencing this evening.

Motion made, duly seconded, and unanimously passed by voice vote.

The Honorable Francis J. Larkin was sworn in by the Town Clerk and assumed the position of temporary Town Moderator.

Selectman Alfred Sparling, Jr. moved to recess the Annual Town Meeting, immediately commence the Special Town Meeting, then reconvene the Annual Town Meeting.

Motion made, duly seconded, and unanimously passed by voice vote.

**MINUTES
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
APRIL 9, 1996**

The Meeting was called to order at 7:25 p.m. by Town Moderator Hon. Francis J. Larkin. There being a quorum present, and motion duly voted, the Moderator dispensed with the reading of the Warrant.

Article 1. Selectman Alfred Sparling, Jr. moved that the Town vote to transfer the following sums of money to the following accounts for the fiscal year, 1996:

Transfer From:**Transfer To:**

Short Term Debt	\$109,428
Board of Health	\$ 5,735
Veterans' Benefits	\$ 5,000
Industrial Dev. Com.	2,500
Free Cash	128,000
Police Salary	5,000
Fire Salary	4,400

Long Term Debt - School	\$131,302
Police Building Interest	\$ 370
Medicare	\$ 6,500
Tax Title	4,000
Health Insurance	10,000
Unemployment	7,000
Town Counsel	55,000
Highway Fuel	1,000
Highway Overtime	1,000
School Building	34,469
Fire Dept. - Bldg. Maint.	9,180

Resident Paul Yanovitch moved to amend the motion by reducing the Town Counsel Account from \$55,000 to \$5,000 and placing \$50,000 into the Stabilization Fund.

After a lengthy debate on the floor, the motion was duly seconded and defeated by voice vote. **The main motion was then duly seconded and passed by voice vote, as declared by the Moderator.**

Article 2. Selectman Alfred Sparling, Jr. moved that the Town vote to transfer the sum of \$9,265 from the Board of Health Expense Account to pay the following prior year bills:

Planning Board	Central Mass. Regional Planning Com.	\$6,369.10
Sewer Dept.	Massachusetts Electric	\$ 91.70
Sewer Dept.	Environmental Risk Limited	\$1,215.00
Finance Com.	Ridgewood Printing	242.00
Dog Officer	Milford True Value	14.99
ZBA	Milford Daily News	27.73
ZBA	Shea Engineering and Survey	180.00
Manager	Sir Speedy	232.50
Town Counsel	Kopelman and Paige	891.00

No discussion ensued. **Motion, duly seconded, passed by unanimous voice vote.**

Article 3. Selectman Alfred Sparling, Jr. moved that the Town vote to transfer the sum of \$70,884 from the Stabilization Account to the Long Term School Debt Account.

No discussion ensued. **Motion, duly seconded, passed by two-thirds voice vote. There was a count of one no vote.**

On a motion presented by Selectman Alfred Sparling, Jr., and duly seconded, it was unanimously voted to dissolve the Special Town Meeting Warrant at 7:45 p.m.

MINUTES
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
April 9, 1996

On a motion made and duly seconded, it was voted to reconvene the Annual Town Meeting at 7:46 p.m.

Article 2. On a motion by Selectman Chairman John DiPietropolo, duly seconded, it **was unanimously voted** to hear and act upon the report of the Board of Selectmen and the School Building Committee.

Selectman Chairman DiPietropolo presented the Selectmen's Report and briefed the townspeople on major accomplishments, such as:

- * The opening of the new Police Department Building
- * The completion of the Memorial School Addition/Renovation Project
- * The establishment of Economic Opportunity Areas
- * The Senior Tax Abatement Program

Michael Farrer, Chairman of the School Building Committee, presented a report on the Memorial School Project, and stated that the building had been rededicated on March 3, 1996; all students K-6 are now housed in the completely renovated building. The existing School Building Committee, which has been in place since 1987, will be resigning and a call for new members was made.

Article 3. Selectman Christine Burke moved that the Town vote to allow each elected officer for his/her services in fiscal year 1997, the following compensation:

Moderator	\$200
Chairman, Board of Selectmen	\$1,000
2nd Member, Board of Selectmen	\$850
3rd Member, Board of Selectmen	\$850
Town Clerk	\$15,000
Tree Warden	\$600
Chairman, Board of Health	\$500
2nd Member, Board of Health	\$450
3rd Member, Board of Health	\$450
Chairman, Road Commission	\$500
2nd Member, Road Commission	\$450

3rd Member, Road Commission	\$450
Chairman, Park Commission	\$300
2nd Member, Park Commission	\$250
3rd Member, Park Commission	\$250

Chairman, Water and Sewer Commission	\$500
2nd Member, Water and Sewer Commission	\$450
3rd Member, Water and Sewer Commission	\$450

Motion made, duly seconded, and passed by unanimous voice vote.

Article 4. Selectman Christine Burke moved that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,955 for the Town's assessment for the Blackstone Valley Vocational Regional School for fiscal year 1997.

Motion made, duly seconded, and passed by unanimous voice vote.

Article 5. Selectman Christine Burke moved that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$990 42 to pay the Town's annual assessment of costs and expenses of the Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission District.

Motion made, duly seconded, and passed by unanimous voice vote.

Paul Yanovitch moved that Articles 21 and 29 be taken out of warrant sequence, and be voted on immediately. A brief discussion ensued on this matter.

Motion made, duly seconded, and defeated by a standing vote of 88 in favor, 98 opposed (2/3 vote required, a quorum being present).

Article 6. J. Mark Ansart, Chairman, Water and Sewer Commission, moved that the Town vote to appropriate through assessments provided under General Laws, Chapter 83, Section 16, and to be collected under Chapter 44, Section 53E, the bond issue payments of the Sewer Department, in the amount of \$45,625. in principal and \$61,589. in interest.

Motion made, duly seconded, and unanimously passed by voice vote.

Article 7. Steven Tenenholtz, Chairman, Finance Committee, moved that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 for the Finance Committee Reserve Fund.

Motion made, duly seconded, and unanimously passed by voice vote.

Article 8. On a motion made by Finance Committee Chairman Tenenholtz, duly seconded, it was voted to pass over this article.

Article 9. Chairman Selectman John DiPietropolo moved that the town vote to transfer from the Stabilization Account to the Long Term Debt Account the sum of \$73,184.

Motion made, duly seconded, passed by a two-thirds majority hand vote. Four opposed votes were noted (2/3 vote required, a quorum being present).

Article 10. Steven Tenenholtz, Finance Committee Chairman, moved that the Town vote to raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be deemed necessary to defray town charges for Fiscal Year 1997 as contained in the Finance Committee Report.

Motion made, duly seconded, and unanimously passed by voice vote.

Article 11. Selectman Chairman John DiPietropolo moved to pass over this article.

Motion made, duly seconded, and unanimously passed by voice vote.

Article 12. Peter Mitchell, Chairman, Board of Health, moved that the Town vote to authorize the use of a revolving fund pursuant to General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53E and 1/2 for the purpose of funding a hazardous waste collection day and recycling program to include composting and yard waste and other related costs, which fund shall be credited with receipts from the Board of Health to be expended under the authority of the Board of Health, such expenditure not to exceed \$10,000 for Fiscal Year 1997 from said revolving fund.

Motion made, duly seconded, and passed by unanimous voice vote.

Article 13. Selectman Alfred Sparling, Jr. moved that the Town vote to authorize the use of a revolving fund pursuant to General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53E and 1/2 for the purpose of maintenance and other operating costs of the South Hopedale Cemetery, which fund shall be credited with receipts from the South Hopedale Cemetery to be expended under the authority of the Board of Selectmen, such expenditure not to exceed \$1,000 for the Fiscal Year 1997 from said revolving fund.

Motion Made, duly seconded, and passed by unanimously voice vote.

Article 14. Peter Mitchell, Chairman, Board of Health moved that the Town vote to delete Section 5 of Chapter XIV of the Hopedale Bylaws and replace it with the following new Section 5:

On a motion made, and duly seconded, it was voted unanimously to dispense with the reading of this Article.

Section 5. Whoever is the owner or keeper of a dog or cat in the Commonwealth six months of age or older shall cause such dog or cat to be vaccinated against rabies by a licensed veterinarian using a licensed vaccine according to the manufacturer's directions, and shall cause such dog or cat to be re-vaccinated at intervals recommended by the manufacturer. Unvaccinated dogs and cats acquired or moved into the Commonwealth shall be vaccinated within ninety days after the acquisition or arrival into the Commonwealth or upon reaching the age of six months, whichever last occurs. It shall be the duty of each veterinarian, at the time of vaccinating any dog or cat, to complete a certificate of rabies vaccination which shall include, but not be limited to the following information: the owner's name and address; a description of the animal, including breed, sex, age, name and distinctive markings; the date of vaccination; the rabies vaccination tag number; the type of rabies vaccine used; the route of vaccination; the expiration date of the vaccine; and the vaccine lot number.

The veterinarian shall issue a tag with each certificate of vaccination. The tag shall be secured by the owner or keeper of such dog or cat to a collar or harness made of suitable material to be worn by the dog or cat; provided, however, that the owner of a cat may choose not to affix a tag to his cat, but shall have the tag available for inspection by authorized persons. In the event that a tag is lost, the owner or keeper of the animal shall, upon presentation of the original vaccination certificate, be issued a new tag.

In order for a dog or cat to be accepted at an animal hospital, veterinarian's office or boarding facility, an owner or keeper of such animal shall show proof of current vaccination against rabies; provided however, that if a dog or cat has not been so vaccinated or such owner or keeper fails to show such proof the animal shall be vaccinated against rabies prior to being discharged if the animal's medical condition permits.

The provisions of this section shall not apply to dogs or cats housed in a research institution.

Non-Criminal Disposition - Non criminal enforcement as described above may also be enforced, by the health agent, dog officer (animal control), or any police officer of the Town of Hopedale by non-criminal complaint pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 40 Section 21D and the Town's non-criminal disposition bylaw. Each day on which a violation exists shall be deemed to be a separate offense. The penalty for violation of any provision of this bylaw shall be:

First Offense \$50
Second Offense \$100
Third Offense \$200

A brief recess occurred at 8:00 p.m. The meeting reconvened at 8:05 p.m.

After discussion on the floor, the main motion, duly seconded, was passed unanimously by voice vote.

Article 10. Selectman Chairman John DiPietropolo moved to return to Article 10 for reconsideration.

The Town Moderator stated that the Town will reconsider Article 10 for a fuller elaboration and exposition of the various budget line items, and asked the Finance Committee Chairman to read the budget line by line.

Mr. DiPietropolo's motion, duly seconded, passed unanimously by voice vote.

The Town Moderator instructed the voting body to request a hold on any line item needing further explanation or discussion. Hearing only a hold from the floor on two items -- the Manager's and Treasurer/Collector's line items -- the Town Moderator called for a motion to vote on all other itemized line items.

Motion made, duly seconded, and passed unanimously by voice vote.

Discussion from the floor followed regarding the Town Coordinator's salary. Resident Elizabeth Meehan moved that the line item of Town Coordinator be decreased from \$54,950 to \$53,950.

Selectman Christine Burke responded that the \$54,950 figure included \$12,500 for a part-time secretary, and that the Board of Selectmen have a contractual obligation to both the Town Coordinator and secretary for the budgeted amounts.

Ms. Meehan's motion, duly seconded, failed by voice vote, as declared by the Town Moderator.

Discussion then followed on the Treasurer/Collector's salary. The Moderator called for a motion to vote on the line item placed on hold as stated in the Finance Committee Report.

Motion, duly seconded, passed by voice vote as declared by the Moderator.

Article 15: Peter Mitchell, Chairman, Board of Health, moved that the Town vote to authorize the use of a revolving fund pursuant to General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53E and 1/2 for the purpose of supporting the operating costs animal control division of the Board of Health, which fund shall be credited with receipts for the Boarding of stray animals, fines for violations, and the licensing of animals, to be expended under the authority of the Board of Health, such expenditure not to exceed \$10,000 for the fiscal year 1997.

The Finance Committee recommended unfavorable action on this article.

After a lengthy discussion on the floor, the Moderator called for a voice vote on the motion.

Motion made, duly seconded, and passed by voice vote as ruled by the Moderator.

Article 16: Mr. Merwin Noyes, Chairman, Board of Road Commissioners, moved that the Town vote to allow any member of the Road Commissioners to receive the same hourly compensation as paid to the Highway Laborer for snow removal operations and natural disasters, and to be constables.

Motion made, duly seconded, and passed by voice vote as declared by the Moderator.

Article 17: Selectman Christine Burke moved that the Town vote to authorize the Conservation Commission to spend without further appropriation in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 131, Section 40, the sum of \$316.60. received as filing fees in Fiscal Year 1995.

Motion made, duly seconded, and passed by voice vote.

Article 18: The Planning Board failed to move this article.

Article 19: Selectman Christine Burke moved that the Town vote to establish Economic Opportunity Areas in the Town of Hopedale in accordance with Chapter 19 of the Acts of 1993, identified as the Draper EOA, the Airport EOA, and the Greene Mill EOA, to contain properties as follows:

DRAPER EOA

ADDRESS	MAP/BLOCK/LOT #	DEED REFERENCE
23 Hopedale St.	Map 11, Lot 97	Book 12565, Page 158
24 Hopedale St.	Map 8, Lot 140 & 140-1	Book 12573, Page 365
6 Fitzgerald Drive	Map 11, Lot 174-1	Book 12565, Page 158
9 Fitzgerald Drive	Map 11, Lot 173-1	Book 12565, Page 158
25 Hopedale St.	Map 11, Lot 116	Book 13509, Page 369
52 Dutcher St.	Map 11, Lot 118	Book 13509, Page 369
50 Dutcher St.	Map 11, Lot 117	
161 Freedom St.	Map 9, Lot 5	Book 8707, Pages 1-23
105 Freedom St.	Map 8, Lot 141	Book 12565, Page 158
85 Freedom St.	Map 8, Lot 140-1	Book 13224, Page 178
80 Bancroft Park	Map 8, Lot 219	Book 12565, Page 161

AIRPORT EOA

ADDRESS	MAP/BLOCK/LOT #	DEED REFERENCE
1 Spaceway Lane	Map 22, Lot 29	Book 11088, Page 238
8 Landing Lane	Map 25, Lot 9	Book 10697, Page 196
4 Landing Lane	Map 25, Lot 8	Book 6317, Page 218
3 Landing Lane	Map 25, Lot 10	Book 6317, Page 218
1 Landing Lane	Map 25, Lot 11	Book 6317, Page 218
4 Evergreen Lane	Map 24, Lot 55-2	Book 12191, Page 297
2 Evergreen Lane	Map 24, Lot 55-3	Book 10314, Page 90
4 Business Way	Map 25, Lot 28	Book 11606, Page 97
3 Business Way	Map 25, Lot 31	Book 11606, Page 97
2 Business Way	Map 25, Lot 27	Book 15699, Page 261
1 Business Way	Map 25, Lot 32	Book 11606, Page 97
53 Airport Road	Map 22, Lot 15-1	Book 7054, Page 298
17 Airport Road	Map 25, Lot 7	Book 6317, Page 218
16 Airport Road	Map 25, Lot 3	Book 6317, Page 218
14 Airport Road	Map 25, Lot 2	Book 6317, Page 218
13 Airport Road	Map 25, Lot 12	Book 6317, Page 218

11 Airport Road	Map 22, Lot 20	Book 6317, Page 218
9 Airport Road	Map 22, Lot 21	Book 6317, Page 218
8 Airport Road	Map 22, Lot 18	Book 6317, Page 218
6 Airport Road	Map 22, Lot 17	Book 6317, Page 218
5 Airport Road	Map 22, Lot 23	Book 6317, Page 218
4 Airport Road	Map 22, Lot 16	Book 6317, Page 218
3 Airport Road	Map 22, Lot 24	Book 6317, Page 218
51 Airport Road	Map 22, Lot 15	Book 6317, Page 218
29 Airport Road	Map 25, Lot 6	Book 6317, Page 218
124 Hartford Avenue	Map 25, Lot 20	Book 7054, Page 298
6 Business Way	Map 25, Lot 29	Book 11606, Page 97
5 Business Way	Map 25, Lot 30	Book 11606, Page 97
138 Hartford Avenue	Map 25, Lot 23	Book 11606, Page 97
12 Airport Road	Map 25, Lot 1	Book 15807, Page 192
10 Airport Road	Map 22, Lot 19	Book 15807, Page 192
6 Evergreen Lane	Map 24, Lot 55-1	Book 10314, Page 90
15 Tandem Way	Map 21, Lot 127	Book 15362, Page 64
11 Tandem Way	Map 21, Lot 128	Book 15362, Page 64
7 Tandem Way	Map 21, Lot 129	Book 15362, Page 64
17 Tandem Way	Map 21, Lot 126	Book 15362, Page 64
16 Tandem Way	Map 21, Lot 125	Book 15362, Page 64
14 Tandem Way	Map 21, Lot 124	Book 15362, Page 64
10 Tandem Way	Map 22, Lot 30	Book 15362, Page 64
3 Tandem Way	Map 24, Lot 57	Book 15362, page 64
GREENE MILL EOA		
ADDRESS	MAP/BLOCK/LOT #	DEED REFERENCE
46 Greene Street	Map 13, Lot 57	Book 7069, Page 289
215 So. Main (Rear)	Map 17, Lot 5	Book 9114, Page 70
17 Plain St.	Map 17, Lot 66	Book 11948, Page 259

Motion, duly seconded, was unanimously passed to dispense with the reading of the article. **Following a brief discussion, the main motion, duly seconded, passed unanimously by voice vote.**

Article 20: Selectman Christine Burke moved that the Town vote to create a committee to be known as the Greene Mill Estates Committee to consist of not less than five but not more than seven registered voters of the Town of Hopedale, to be appointed by the Board of Selectmen, to consider the impact the proposed Greene Mill Estates subdivision will have on municipal services in Town and the culture and character of the Town, and to determine what amount, if any, the Town should appropriate to gain ownership of the parcel, and what future development of the property should take place, if any, and further that the Town raise and appropriate a sum of money to be used by said committee to perform their work. Said Committee shall report their findings to the Board of Selectmen by October 31, 1996 and upon such report, the Committee shall be dissolved.

Motion, duly seconded, passed unanimously by voice vote.

Article 21: By Petition. Resident Cheri Hardiman moved that the Town take a non-binding, referendum vote to direct the Board of Selectmen to reinstate David M. Durgin as Fire Chief in the Town of Hopedale, or take any other action in relation thereto.

After a lengthy discussion, the Moderator called for a standing vote on the motion.

Motion, duly seconded, passed by a standing vote of 120 in favor, 81 opposed.

Article 22: Walter Swift, Water and Sewer Commissioner, moved that the Town vote to establish an Enterprise Fund for the Sewer Department under the provisions of Chapter 44, Section 53F 1/2, of the Massachusetts General Laws.

The Finance Committee recommended unfavorable action on this article.

After lengthy debate, the Moderator called for a vote on the motion. **Motion, duly seconded, passed by a standing majority vote as declared by the Moderator.**

Article 23. Selectman Chairman John DiPietropolo moved that that the Town vote to pass over article 23.

Motion, duly seconded, passed unanimously by voice vote.

Article 24. Selectman Chairman John DiPietropolo moved that the Town vote to adopt the following Bylaw:

Section 1. A committee to be known as the Capital Program Committee is hereby established under G.L. Ch 41, Sec. 106B, composed of two members of the Finance Committee to be appointed by the Board of Selectmen and four additional members to be appointed by the Board of Selectmen. The members from the Finance Committee shall be appointed for one-year terms. The other members shall be appointed for four-year terms such that one will expire each year. None shall be a town officer or town employee. The Town Accountant shall be an ex-officio member without right to vote. A member who ceases to reside in the Town or who accepts employment with the Town shall resign. A vacancy shall be filled for the un-expired term in the manner of the original appointment. The Committee shall choose its own officers. It may spend such sums as shall annually be appropriated for its use. A quorum shall be a majority of those in office. A majority of members present shall have power to act.

Section 2. The Committee shall study proposed capital outlays involving the acquisition of land or involving an expenditure of \$10,000 and having a useful life of at least three years. All officers, boards and committees, including the Selectmen and the School Committee, shall by September 1st each year give to such Committee, on forms prepared by it, information concerning all projects anticipated by them to need town meeting action during the ensuing six years. The Committee shall consider the relative need, timing, and cost of these expenditures and the effect each will have on the financial position of the Town.

Section 3. The Committee shall transmit its recommendations as to items for the ensuing fiscal year to the Finance Committee for its review and possible inclusion in the Town budget.

Section 4. The Capital Program Committee shall also prepare a schedule of capital outlays which it recommends for funding in the second through sixth ensuing fiscal years, with notes as to funding sources called the "Capital Program." The text and tables of the capital program shall be published with the Finance Committee report. The original shall be deposited with the Town Clerk.

Section 5. The Committee may undertake such investigations and hold such hearings as it may deem necessary.

Motion, duly seconded, to dispense with the reading of the article passed unanimously by voice vote. **The main motion, duly seconded, passed unanimously by voice vote.**

Article 25. Selectman Chairman John DiPietropolo moved that the Town vote to pass over Article 25.

Motion, duly seconded, passed unanimously by voice vote.

Article 26. J. Mark Ansart, Chairman, Water and Sewer Commissioners, moved that the Town vote to adopt the following Bylaw:

WATER USE RESTRICTION BYLAW

Section 1. AUTHORITY

This Bylaw is adopted by the Town under its police powers to protect public health and welfare and its powers under M.G.L. c.40, sec. 21 et seq. and implements the Town's authority to regulate water use pursuant to M.G.L. c. 41, sec. 69B. This bylaw also implements the Town's authority under M.G.L. c. 40, sec. 41A, conditioned upon a declaration of water supply emergency issued by the Department of Environmental Protection.

Section 2. PURPOSE

The purpose of this bylaw is to protect, preserve and maintain the public health, safety and welfare whenever there is in force a State of Water Supply Conservation or State of Water Supply Emergency by providing for enforcement of any duly imposed restrictions, requirements, provisions or conditions imposed by the Town or by the Department of Environmental Protection.

Section 3 DEFINITIONS

Board of Water Commissioners shall mean the Board of Water Commissioners of the Town of Hopedale.

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Enforcing Person shall mean the Town's Board of Water Commissioners, its duly appointed agents, employees and members, the Board of Health, the Town Police, Special Police, and any other person designated by the Town as having police powers.

State of Water Supply Emergency shall mean a State of Water Supply Emergency declared by the Department of Environmental Protection under M.G.L. c.21G, sec 15-17.

State of Water Supply Conservation shall mean a State of Water Supply Conservation declared by the Town pursuant to section 4 of this bylaw.

Water Users or Water Consumers shall mean all public and private users of the Town's public water system, irrespective of any person's responsibility for billing purposes for water used at any particular facility.

Section 4 DECLARATION OF A STATE OF WATER SUPPLY CONSERVATION

The Town, through its Board of Water Commissioners, may declare a State of Water Supply Conservation upon a determination by a majority vote of the Board that a shortage of water exists and conservation measures are appropriate to ensure an adequate supply of water to all water consumers. Public notice of a State of Water Supply Conservation shall be given under Section 6 of this bylaw before it may be enforced.

Section 5 RESTRICTED WATER USES

A declaration of a State of Water Supply Conservation shall include one or more of the following restrictions, conditions, or requirements limiting use of water as necessary to protect the water supply. The applicable restrictions, conditions or requirements shall be included in the public notice required under Section 6.

a] Odd/Even Day Outdoor Watering Outdoor watering by water users with odd-numbered addresses is restricted to odd-numbered days. Outdoor watering by water users with even-numbered addresses is restricted to even-numbered days.

b] Outdoor Watering Ban Outdoor watering is prohibited.

- c] Outdoor Watering Hours Outdoor watering is permitted only for a period not to exceed two hours per user or consumer per day and only during the period from 10 PM to 4 AM.
- d] Filling Swimming Pools Filling of swimming pools is prohibited.
- e] Automatic Sprinkler Use The use of automatic sprinkler systems is prohibited.

Section 6. PUBLIC NOTIFICATION OF A STATE OF WATER SUPPLY CONSERVATION; NOTIFICATION OF DEP

Notification of any provision, restriction, requirement or condition imposed by the Town as part of a State of Water Supply Conservation shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation within the Town, or by such other means reasonably calculated to reach and inform all users of water of the State of Water Supply Conservation. Any restriction imposed under Section 5 shall not be effective until such notification is provided. Notification of the State of Water Supply Conservation shall also be simultaneously provided to the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection.

Section 7. TERMINATION OF A STATE OF WATER SUPPLY CONSERVATION; NOTICE

A State of Water Supply Conservation may be terminated by a majority vote of the Board of Water Commissioners, upon a determination that the condition or condition(s) set forth in Section 4 no longer exists. Public notification of the termination of a State of Water Supply Conservation shall be given in the same manner required by Section 6.

Section 8. STATE OF WATER SUPPLY EMERGENCY; COMPLIANCE WITH DEP ORDERS

Upon notification to the public that a declaration of a State of Water Supply Emergency has been issued by the Department of Environmental Protection, no person shall violate any provision, restriction, requirement, condition of any order approved or issued by the Department intended to bring about an end to the State of Emergency.

Section 9. PENALTIES

The enforcing persons, as defined in Section 3 of this Bylaw, may enforce the provisions of this Bylaw. Any person violating this Bylaw may be subject to civil or criminal enforcement. With regard to criminal enforcement, a violator shall be liable to the town in the amount of \$50.00 for the first violation and \$100.00 for each subsequent violation which shall inure to the town for such uses as the Board of Water Commissioners may direct. Each day a violation occurs, and each separate violation of the bylaw, shall constitute a separate offense.

As an alternative to criminal prosecution, the enforcing person may enforce this bylaw pursuant to the non-criminal disposition statute, G.L. c.40, S.21D, and the Town's non-criminal disposition Bylaw of the General bylaws. The Non-criminal penalty for violation of any provision of this bylaw shall be:

First Offense:	\$50.00
Second Offense:	\$100.00
Third and subsequent Offenses:	\$200.00

Section 10. SEVERABILITY

The invalidity of any portion or provision of this bylaw shall not invalidate any other portion or provision thereof.

A motion, duly seconded, to dispense with reading of the article was passed unanimously by voice vote.

Resident Aldo Tarca moved to amend the motion by changing Section 3 by adding, "Water users who are supplied by Milford Water Company water will be exempt from the Town water ban."

The amended motion, duly seconded, failed by a standing vote, as declared by the Town Moderator. The main motion, duly seconded, passed by majority voice vote, as declared by the Town Moderator.

Article 27. Selectman Chairman John DiPietropolo moved that the Town vote to amend its Non-Criminal Disposition Bylaw by adding the following bylaws to be enforced through non-criminal disposition:

Zoning Bylaws (Zoning Enforcement Officer) 1st Offense	\$50.00
Second Offense	\$100.00
Third Offense and subsequent	\$200.00

Motion, duly seconded, unanimously passed by voice vote.

Article 28. Selectman Chairman John DiPietropolo moved that the Town vote to direct the Board of Selectmen to petition the State Legislature to rescind Chapter 550 of the Acts of 1983, which established the position of Town Administrator, thereby rescinding section nine of Chapter 3 of the Hopedale General Bylaws.

After a brief discussion on the floor, the motion, duly seconded, passed by unanimous voice vote.

Article 29. Selectman Christine Burke moved that the Town vote to request that the Board of Selectmen appoint a chief of the police and fire departments, otherwise known as a commissioner of public safety, pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 41 sections 21 and 101.

After lengthy discussion and debate, the motion, duly seconded, was soundly defeated by a standing vote, as declared by the Town Moderator.

Article 30. Selectman Christine Burke moved that the Town pass over Article 30.

Motion, duly seconded, passed by unanimous voice vote.

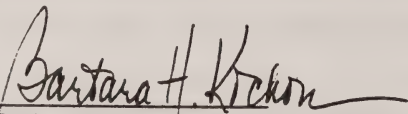
Article 31. Leonard Garabedian, Chairman, School Committee, moved that the Town vote to pass over Article 31.

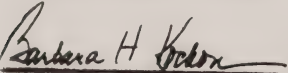
Motion, duly seconded, passed by unanimous voice vote.

Article 32. Leonard Garabedian, Chairman, School Committee, moved that the Town vote to pass over Article 32.

Motion, duly seconded, passed by majority voice vote, as declared by the Town Moderator.

On a motion by Alfred Sparling, Jr., duly seconded, it was unanimously voted to dissolve the Warrant at 9:55 p.m.

Attest: 
Barbara H. Kochon
Town Clerk

A TRUE COPY ATTEST

HOPEDALE TOWN CLERK

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
WORCESTER, SS.
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT
JUNE 27, 1996**

To either of the Constables in the Town of Hopedale in said County, Greetings:

In the name of the Commonwealth aforesaid, you are required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Hopedale qualified to vote in town affairs to meet on Thursday, June 27, 1996 in the Dennett Auditorium of the Hopedale Junior/Senior High School at 7:00 P.M. to act upon the following articles:

Article 1: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds sums of money as may be necessary to be added to various departmental budgets and appropriations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1996 or take any other action in relation thereto. (Board of Selectmen)

Article 2: To see if the Town will vote to hear the report of the Hopedale School Building Committee with respect to the future space requirements of the Hopedale Junior/Senior High School, or take any other action in relation thereto. (Board of Selectmen)

Article 3: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money for the fiscal year 1997 to be utilized by the Hopedale School Building Committee in conjunction with the future space needs of the Hopedale Junior/Senior High School, or take any other action in relation thereto. (Board of Selectmen)

Article 4: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to supplement the fiscal year 1997 snow removal budget, or take any other action in relation thereto. (Board of Selectmen)

Article 5: To see if the Town will vote to amend Chapter II, Section 3 of its Bylaws, which reads:

"Notices of every Town Meeting shall be given by posting an attested copy of the warrant for such meeting in three or more places in the Town of Hopedale at least seven days before an Annual Town Meeting and fourteen days before a Special Town Meeting. One copy thereof shall be posted in the Town Hall Building."

so that it reads (changes underlined):

"Notices of every Town Meeting shall be given by posting an attested copy of the warrant for such meeting, along with a copy of the Finance Committee Report, at the Bancroft Memorial Library, the Hopedale Post Office, and the Town Hall, at least seven days before an Annual Town Meeting, and fourteen days before a Special Town Meeting."

or take any other action in relation thereto. (Town Clerk)

Article 6: To see if the Town will vote to amend Chapter 3, Section 6 of its Bylaws, which reads:

“The Moderator shall appoint tellers, who shall permit only registered voters to enter upon the floor of the Town Hall at the annual or any Town Meeting; the stage may be occupied under the direction of the Moderator.”

so it reads (changes underlined):

“At the discretion of the Moderator, a portion of the meeting place may be reserved for visitors, working press, and the non-voting public. The stage may be occupied under the direction of the Moderator. While videotaping is permitted, there shall be no live televising of either the Annual Town Meeting or Special Town Meetings.”

or take any other action in relation thereto. (Town Clerk)

Article 7: To see if the Town will vote to provide property tax relief in the form of tax increment financing (TIF) and/or special tax assessment for certified projects for the following properties, otherwise known as the Draper EOA, the Airport EOA, and the Greene Mill EOA each EOA as voted at the 1996 Annual Town Meeting, and as indicated below, or take any other action in relation thereto. (Board of Selectmen)

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3 Tandem Way	Map 24, Lot 57	Book 15362, page 64
GREENE MILL EOA		
ADDRESS	MAP/BLOCK/LOT #	DEED REFERENCE
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215 So. Main (Rear)	Map 17, Lot 5	Book 9114, Page 70
17 Plain St.	Map 17, Lot 66	Book 11948, Page 259

Article 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds an additional sum of money to supplement the police salary account to fund the contract between the Town of Hopedale and the Massachusetts Coalition of Police Hopedale Permanent Police Officers Association Local 164, commencing on July 1, 1996, or take any other action in relation thereto. (Board of Selectmen)

Article 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the an additional sum of money to supplement the fire salary account to fund the contract between the Town of Hopedale and the Permanent Fire Fighters I.A.F.F. Local #2225, commencing on July 1, 1996, or take any other action in relation thereto. (Board of Selectmen)

Article 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the an additional sum of money to supplement the fire salary account to fund the contract between the Town of Hopedale and the Hopedale Call Fire Fighters Association, commencing on July 1, 1996, or take any other action in relation thereto. (Board of Selectmen)

Article 11: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer a sum of money to fund the position of sealer of weights and measures for the fiscal year 1997, or take any other action in relation thereto. (Board of Selectmen)

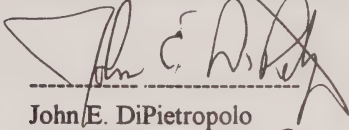
Article 12: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning July 1 in accordance with the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 4 and to issue a

note or notes therefore, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with General Laws, Chapter 44, section 17, or take any other action in relation thereto. (Board of Road Commissioners)

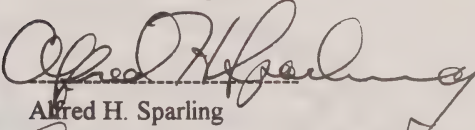
Article 13: To see if the Town will vote to accept clause 37A of section 5 of chapter 59 of the Massachusetts General Laws, allowing a \$500 tax exemption for blind persons, or take any other action in relation thereto. (Board of Assessors)

Given under our hands this 11th day of June 1996.

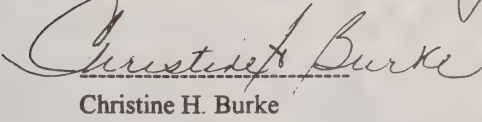
SELECTMEN OF HOPEDALE



John E. DiPietropolo

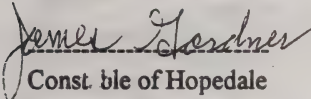


Alfred H. Sparling



Christine H. Burke

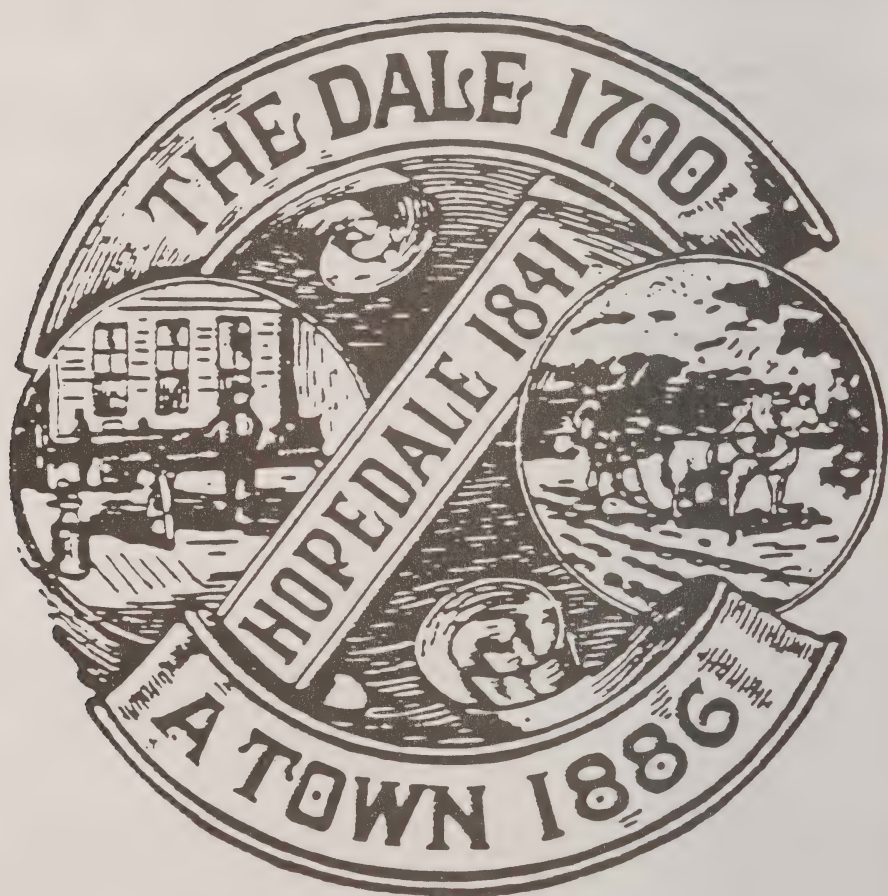
Posted in the Town Hall, Community House and Post Office Lobby.



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06/12/96

Date



**Hopedale Finance Committee
Special Town Meeting
Article Recommendations
June 27, 1996**

Town Meeting, June 27, 1996

Finance Committee Report

Tonight's Town Meeting deals with thirteen articles. The first deals with normal end of year transfers for FY96, the rest with issues generally unforeseen at the previous annual meeting. No impact on the tax rate will result if the Finance Committees recommendations are followed. A total of \$45,514.00 is requested for FY97 budgets in articles 3, 8 and 11, however information from the state indicates that approximately \$47,000.00 in additional receipts will be available from what was known at the annual Town Meeting held last April. therefore the expenditures being requested tonight can be offset from receipts instead of the tax levy.

Article 1 To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds sums of money as may be necessary to be added to various departmental budgets and appropriations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1996.

Transfers from

Transfers to

Police Salary	\$4000.00
Plumbing Inspector Salaries	\$90.00
Council on Aging Salary	\$2869.00
Health & Life Insurance	\$2425.00
Fire Salaries	\$10,000.00
Reserve Fund	<u>\$650.00</u>
	\$20, 034.00

Police Supplies	\$4000.00
Building Supplies	\$90.00
C.O.A. Purchased Services	\$2869.00
Town Hall Building Electric	\$1600.00
Town Hall Building Salary	\$25.00
Unemployment	\$800.00
Fire Equipment	\$10,000.00
Building Maintenance	<u>\$650.00</u>
	\$20,034.00

Finance Committee recommends favorable action

Article 2 To see if the Town will hear a report of the School Building Committee with respect to the future space requirements of the Hopedale Junior/Senior High School.

Finance Committee recommends favorable action

Article 3 To see if the Town will raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds, \$40,000. for fiscal year 1997 to be utilized by the Hopedale School Building Committee in conjunction with the future space needs of the Hopedale Junior/Senior High School.

Finance Committee recommends favorable action (Initial step to determining future needs)

Article 4 To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to supplement the fiscal 1997 snow removal budget.

Finance Committee recommends unfavorable action (There is sufficient money within the budget currently, as in several past years money has been returned at years end. Additionally these accounts may be overspent if a bad winter prevails)

Article 5 To see if the town will vote to amend Chapter II, Section 3 of its bylaws

Finance Committee recommends passing over (to be taken up at an annual TM)

Article 6 To see if the town will vote to amend Chapter III, Section 6 of its bylaws
Finance Committee recommends passing over (to be taken up at an annual TM)

Article 7 To see if the town will vote to provide property tax relief in the form of tax increment financing (TIF) and/or special tax assessment for certified projects for specific properties as voted at the Annual Town Meeting.

Finance Committee recommends favorable action (this is a rewrite of an article passed at the annual TM, it makes Hopedale more attractive to business and development)

Article 8 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds, \$4514.00 to supplement the police salary account to fund the contract between the Town of Hopedale and the Massachusetts Coalition of Police Permanent Police Officers Association Local 164, commencing July 1, 1996.

Finance Committee recommends favorable action (calculation error in amount passed at annual TM requires that town supplement account for FY97)

Article 9 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds, funds to supplement the fire salary account to fund the contract between the Town of Hopedale and the Permanent Firefighters I.A.F.F. Local #2225, commencing July 1, 1996. **(Pass Over)**

Finance Committee recommends favorable action (No contract yet in place)

Article 10 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds, funds to supplement the fire salary account to fund the contract between the Town of Hopedale and the Hopedale Call Firefighters Association, commencing July 1, 1996. **(Pass Over)**

Finance Committee recommends favorable action (No contract yet in place)

Article 11 To see if the Town will raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds, \$1000.00 to fund the position of Sealer of Weights and Measures.

Finance Committee recommends favorable action (Unforeseen at annual TM, with town population in excess of 5000 people, state will no longer provide service, therefore town must hire individual)

Article 12 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning July 1, 1996 in accordance with the provisions of General Laws, Chap. 44, Sec. 4, and to issue notes or notes therefore payable within one year and to renew any notes or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with General Laws Chap. 44, Sec. 17.

Finance Committee recommends unfavorable action (Treasurer already has authority, this article not required)

Article 13 To see if the town will vote to accept Clause 37A of Section 5 of Chapter 59 of the Massachusetts General Laws allowing \$500.00 tax exemption for blind persons.

Finance Committee recommends favorable action (Currently the town allows \$437.50, money is currently available from overlay account)

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
WORCESTER, SS.
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 27, 1996**

The inhabitants of the Town of Hopedale, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, met in the Dennett Auditorium of the Hopedale Junior - Senior High School at 7:00 p.m. At 7:03 p.m., Moderator Francis J. Larkin called the meeting to order and declared a quorum (50) present. The meeting was called under the authority of a warrant dated June 11, 1996, with a Return of Service dated June 12, 1996.

The Moderator began reading the warrant, and upon motion duly voted, dispensed with further reading of the warrant and proceeded as follows:

Article 1: Selectman Alfred Sparling, Jr. moved that the Town vote to transfer the following sums of money to the following accounts for the fiscal year 1996:

Transfer From:		Transfer To:	
Police Salary	\$ 4,000	Police Supplies	\$ 4000
Plumbing Inspector Salary	\$ 90	Building Supplies	\$ 90
Council on Aging Salary	\$ 2,869	C.O.A. Purchase of Services	\$ 2,869
Health and Life Insurance	\$ 2,425	Town Hall Building Electric	\$ 1,600
Fire Salaries	\$10,000	Town Hall Building Salary	\$ 25
Reserve Fund	\$ 650	Unemployment	\$ 800
		Fire Equipment	\$10,000
		Town Hall - Maintenance	\$ 650

Motion made, duly seconded, and unanimously passed by voice vote.

Article 2: David Pantano, Chairman, Hopedale School Building Committee, moved that the Town vote to hear the report of the Hopedale School Building Committee with respect to the future space requirements of the Hopedale Junior/Senior High School.

Motion made, duly seconded, and unanimously passed by voice vote.

Article 3: David Pantano, Chairman, Hopedale School Building Committee, moved that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$40,000 for the fiscal year 1997 to be utilized by and be under the control of the Hopedale School Building Committee, said sum to be utilized to assist in determining the future space needs of the Hopedale Junior/Senior High School.

Motion made, duly seconded, and unanimously passed by voice vote.

Article 4: Selectman Alfred Sparling, Jr. moved that the Town vote pass over Article 4.

Motion made, duly seconded, and unanimously passed by voice vote.

Moderator Larkin recessed the meeting at 7:15 p.m. The meeting was reconvened at 7:25 p.m.

Article 5: Selectman Alfred Sparling, Jr. moved that the Town vote to pass over Article 5.

Motion made, duly seconded, and unanimously passed by voice vote.

Article 6: Selectman Alfred Sparling, Jr. moved that the Town vote to pass over Article 6.

Motion made, duly seconded, and unanimously passed by voice vote.

Article 7: Selectman Chairman John DiPietropolo moved that the Town vote to provide property tax relief in the form of tax increment financing (TIF) and/or a special tax assessment for certified projects for the following properties, otherwise known as the Draper Economic Opportunity Area, the Airport Economic Opportunity Area, and the Greene Mill Economic Opportunity Area, each Economic Opportunity Area as voted at the 1996 Annual Town Meeting, and as indicated below.

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Motion made, duly seconded, and unanimously passed by voice vote.

Article 8: Selectman Chairman John DiPietropolo moved that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,514 to supplement the police salary account for fiscal year 1997 to fund the contract between the Town of Hopedale and the Massachusetts Coalition of Police Hopedale Permanent Police Officers Association Local 164, commencing on July 1, 1996.

Motion made, duly seconded, and unanimously passed by voice vote.

Article 9: Selectman Alfred Sparling, Jr. moved that the Town vote to pass over Article 9.

Motion made, duly seconded, and unanimously passed by voice vote.

Article 10: Selectman Alfred Sparling, Jr. moved that the Town vote to pass over Article 10.

Motion made, duly seconded, and unanimously passed by voice vote.

Article 11: Selectman Chairman John DiPietropolo moved that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000 to fund the position of Sealer of Weights and Measures for the fiscal year 1997.

Motion made, duly seconded, and unanimously passed by voice vote.

Article 12: Selectman Chairman John DiPietropolo moved that the Town vote to pass over Article 12.

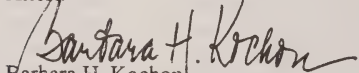
Motion made, duly seconded, and unanimously passed by voice vote.

Article 13: Selectman Chairman John DiPietropolo moved that the Town vote to accept clause 37A of Section 5 of Chapter 59 of the Massachusetts General Laws, allowing a \$500 tax exemption for blind persons.

Motion made, duly seconded, and unanimously passed by voice vote.

On a motion made and duly seconded, the warrant was dissolved at 7:38 p.m. One hundred and thirty-seven voters were in attendance.

Attest


Barbara H. Kochon
Town Clerk



Barbara Hull Kochon
Town Clerk

Office of
TOWN CLERK
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ANNUAL REPORT

July 1, 1995 - June 30, 1996

Fiscal Year 1996, my first full year in office, was an exciting time, full of new experiences, hard lessons, numerous changes, and many new friends.

Communication came to be the theme of the year with efforts focused on increasing and improving communication between the town clerk's office and other town departments, boards, committees and commissions, as well as, with the community at large.

A wonderful opportunity along these lines appeared in September, 1995, when I was contacted by the Director of Research, Interpretation and Education for the Society for the Preservation of New England Antiquities, a museum of cultural history headquartered in Boston, and informed of Hopedale's selection as a lunch stop during a bus tour of the North Blackstone River Valley to learn about the impact of the textile industry on the Valley during the 19th and 20th centuries. With the much-appreciated financial support of the Hopedale Foundation, and the talents of Lee Packard, Memorial School teacher, who portrayed Adin Ballou, and Elaine Malloy, Bancroft Library Director, who shared hostessing duties, a box lunch, walking tour, and presentation of Hopedale's fascinating history was provided for the tour group.

Again, in an effort to communicate more effectively, this time with the youth of our town, students in the Hopedale Class of 2000 were invited to tour the election polls during the Presidential Primary Election held on March 5, 1996. Prior to the election, I spoke with two eighth-grade history classes on the importance of voting and specifics of the presidential primary race.

The Town Government Event Calendar continues to be issued on a monthly basis to local print media, WMRC Radio, and the Cable Access News Channel, and Monday evening business hours have proven to be a great convenience and very popular.

Dog licensing was made easier this year by offering residents the opportunity to license their dog(s) by mail. License applications were mailed with 1996 Census forms to all residences, and residents were asked to include a self-addressed, stamped envelope when submitting their applications to eliminate any additional expense to the Town. As a result of this new procedure, 406 licenses were issued for the 1996 licensing period, up from 210 in 1995.

An updated version of the welcome letter to new residents was published, with plans in place to enhance this effort by creating a "Welcome Committee" of residents of all ages to serve as "ambassadors" to new residents. The committee's objectives will be to introduce them to our community and its services, as well as, provide them with information on local businesses and activities.

The town clerk's office participated in the successful Hopedale Elder Tax Abatement Program this year by making the first two clerical placements. Cynthia Zacchilli, Esther (Tootsie) Deletti, and later, M. Frances Rae, provided invaluable assistance to the office by collecting and inputting Census data, answering telephones, and filling in where and whenever needed.

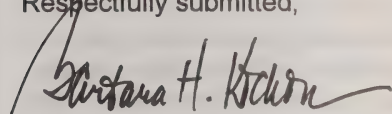
As a result of town meeting action on April 11, 1995, all town officers are to pay into the Treasury all fees received by them by virtue of their office. A total of \$8, 996.32 was collected by the town clerk and paid to the Town Treasurer for the period July 1, 1995, through June 30, 1996.

The town clerk registers all vital events occurring within the community and those events occurring elsewhere to local residents. The following statistics represent such events during the Fiscal Year 1996:

Recorded Deaths (Residents)	49
Recorded Deaths (Non-residents)	19
Total Deaths:	68
Recorded Births (Females)	47
Recorded Births (Males)	41
Total Births:	88
Marriage Licenses Issued:	30
Dog Licenses Issued:	406

The town clerk serves the residents of her community as the chief Election Official, Recording Officer, Registrar of Vital Statistics, Public Records Officer, Licensing Officer, and Public Information Officer. I am honored to serve the residents of Hopedale, and look forward to contributing in a positive way to the Town's mission of providing honest, sensible and effective municipal government.

Respectfully submitted,



Barbara Hull Kochon
Town Clerk

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN FISCAL YEAR 1996

Fiscal Year 1996 was an extremely productive year for the Town of Hopedale and the Board of Selectmen. We accomplished many short term goals and made great progress towards our long term goals, in addition to dealing with the many unexpected challenges that arise each year.

Perhaps the best accomplishment of FY96 was the level funding of taxes for the third consecutive year. This means that, except for the taxes levied on new construction, the total amount of taxes assessed to the town residents and businesses in FY96 was virtually the same as that assessed in Fiscal Year 1994. We are doubtful that any community in the Commonwealth can point to a similar track record. The Town could have assessed an additional \$300,000 (on top of the \$100,000 in FY95) in taxes on its citizens, but because of increased aid from the state and the prudent management of the finances by all town departments, we have been able to hold the line on taxes. The above amounts have remained in the taxpayers' pockets. All town departments can take credit, but special accolades go to the Finance Committee for their cooperation and leadership after the Selectmen established early directives on stabilizing the tax levy.

The accomplishment is even more significant in light of the debt load the Town is carrying, primarily due to the major expansion project at the Memorial School. Despite the increased debt, we have been able to provide a high level of services over the past three years at the same cost to the Hopedale taxpayer. Part of the reason the debt has been manageable is the A rating given to the Town by Moody's Incorporated, an independent rating agency, which resulted in lower borrowing costs. Town officials worked diligently over many months to demonstrate to Moody's that there was a comprehensive approach to the management of the Town's municipal finances and that there was a long-term plan in place for sustaining a healthy balance sheet. Their high rating in part can be attributed to the two consecutive free cash balances the Town has been able to generate, the appreciable amount in the stabilization account which gives the town a cushion against the high debt payments (for fire vehicles, the new police station, and new trucks for the road department, in addition to the school) and the excess capacity the town has to levy taxes. It also shows the confidence Moody's has in our financial officers, especially Tax Collector/Treasurer Christine Collins and Town Accountant Kathleen Garabedian.

Town officials have also made great progress in returning the former Draper properties to productive (and tax generating) use. The good news began with a formal announcement by Lieutenant Governor Paul Cellucci on November tenth at the Hopedale Community House that the state had agreed to participate in a \$50,000 grant award to perform a feasibility study on the facility. The event was a coming out party for Hopedale and was well attended by regional business and political dignitaries. We were very proud of the warm welcome the important visitors received and the enthusiasm town officials and residents demonstrated for the viability of the property. We are hopeful that the Lieutenant Governor and other important decision makers will soon forget Hopedale.

Perhaps because of the positive exposure resulting from the Lieutenant Governor's visit in November, and possibly because of the designation of Hopedale as an Economic Target Area and an Economic Opportunity Area, the latter approval coming at the 1996 Annual Town Meeting, the Newton Group, a real estate development firm, approached town officials regarding the use of the former Draper office building as an assisted living facility. The Selectmen's office worked very closely with the company's representatives, the Planning Board, the Zoning Board of Appeals, and department heads to ensure the process for considering the proposal was fair and expeditious. Eventually, a special permit was approved by the ZBA to allow the company to locate approximately 70 assisted living units at the site. While the Newton Group will be seeking short term tax incentives to ensure the long-term success of the endeavor, the benefits of the facility are substantial, including increased tax revenues, massive improvements to the building and short-term construction jobs, long-term jobs for our citizens, and the possibility that it will serve as a magnet for the development of the rest of the property. In addition, a tentative agreement was reached to secure town ownership (at no cost) of the parcel where the former gas station abuts the fire station. This portion of property was part of the Newton Group's original proposal, but Town leaders saw it as a golden opportunity to deal with future space needs of the fire department. The anticipated acquisition will give the Town badly needed parking space for firefighters and will also allow us to potentially expand the fire station.

The Board of Selectmen was particularly proud of the grand opening of the new police station at 70 Hopedale Street in the spring of 1996. The transition culminated over two years of concerted effort to acquire the building and renovate it cost-effectively. Instead of a substandard station, Hopedale police officers now have a state of the art facility in the center of Town from which to do their important work. This was accomplished at a fraction of the potential cost for new construction. The Board is greatly appreciative of the donations by citizens, town employees (especially the police officers), and area businesses, of both materials and labor. We applaud the work of police chief Eugene Costanza, the individual most responsible for the successful completion of the project.

The first year of the Hopedale Senior Tax Credit Program, initiated by the Board of Selectmen, was an unqualified success. Valuable services were provided by the town's elders in exchange for a \$500 tax credit on their real estate taxes. The individuals who participated became an integral part of our operations and showed expertise in many areas, especially customer service. The program was the subject of radio broadcasts and newspaper articles, including one which appeared in the Boston Globe. The cities of Worcester and Fitchburg requested information on how to start their own program, as well as smaller communities in Massachusetts, Vermont, and New Hampshire. Citizens interested in learning more about the program are encouraged to contact the Hopedale Council on Aging.

The Board also submitted a revised Community Action Statement to the Executive office of Communities and Development. The CAS, which was the result of many hours of

work, describes goals for different town departments as well as the priority goals for the entire community. In addition, it serves as a profile of the Town for state agencies interested in helping us provide the best services possible. It is also required by the state before the Town can become eligible for a large pool of state grants.

The Massachusetts Department of Revenue (DOR) also finished their management report of the Town, an effort which began with a request from the Selectmen to DOR in fiscal year 1995. While the document has been very helpful in specific areas, especially in relation to a more efficient use of our computer system, the Board found it to be lacking in several respects, so much so that we felt it important to respond formally. Nonetheless, we thank the DOR for their efforts and will continue to work closely with the Department of Revenue to improve municipal operations and coordination between departments.

As has been the case since 1992, much time and resources were expended defending several former and current town officials from charges of civil rights violations by Mr. Joseph Menfi, owner of the Hopedale airport and industrial park. Negotiations finally resulted in a settlement and the following joint statement "The Hopedale Board of Selectmen and Mr. Joseph Menfi are pleased to announce that they have reached a mutually agreeable settlement to the pending legal disputes regarding the real estate tax assessments upon Mr. Menfi's properties through fiscal year 1996. The agreement settles all issues raised by Mr. Menfi in the Superior Court and the Appellate Tax Board, and in the foreclosure proceedings initiated by the Town in the Land Court. The parties agree that their stipulated settlement provides a satisfactory resolution to all claims, disputes and issues which have arisen between them and that the terms of the settlement agreement will advance and protect the interests of all parties involved. The Town and Mr. Menfi look forward to working with one another prospectively in a cooperative and constructive manner."

The Board continued to focus on personnel issues, a significant and time consuming part of local government management. In fact, the most difficult issue taken up by the Board in fiscal year 1996, the non-reappointment of Fire Chief David Durgin, fell into this category. The decision regarding the chief did not take place overnight, but was the result of countless meetings with the chief, by this Board and by many diverse Boards of Selectmen over the years. In the end, it was the Board's position that a change would benefit all involved. The Selectmen wish Mr. Durgin every success in his future endeavors.

Deputy Fire Chief David Bliss was chosen by the Board to take over the chief's reigns on an interim basis. Shortly after Mr. Bliss's appointment, we felt it was an opportune time to consider future plans to appoint a single manager, known as the public safety director, to lead both the fire and police departments. Although we believed there were many advantages to this consolidation, including cost savings and a streamlined management structure, town meeting voters rejected the first step of the process at a special town meeting held in the spring.

Other personnel issues included contract negotiations with the call firefighters' union, the police union, and the full-time firefighters' union in the hopes of settling on an agreement before the June 30, 1996 expiration date of each contract. While we were able to reach closure with the police department, we were unable to resolve all the issues regarding the fire department contracts. The Selectmen will continue to bargain in good faith with both units and have called in the Massachusetts Joint Labor Management Commission to mediate with the full-time firefighters. We will continue to pursue a contract that serves the taxpayers. The Selectmen also approved one-year employment contracts with the Police Chief, the Police Lieutenant, and the Town Coordinator, continuing with our policy of not approving multi-year individual employment contracts. Finally, general office personnel participated in the meetings of the Hopedale Insurance Advisory Committee, a group made up of town employees established by Massachusetts general laws to review health insurance benefits. While the final decision was made to continue with our present health insurance carriers, it is obvious that the IAC's diligence to introduce competition resulted in lower future rates for the taxpayers.

There were many other challenges confronting the Selectmen in fiscal year 1996 which were dealt with decisively, including:

- ❑ The worst winter in recent memory provided an opportunity for the town to apply for federal disaster relief. Our application resulted in receipt of approximately \$11,000 in federal, in addition to approximately \$20,000 provided by the state.
- ❑ The Board also worked successfully with library officials to submit a Homework Center Grant, which will provide \$6,000 to purchase a computer to be located at the Bancroft Library, for use by students.
- ❑ A small grant was received to partially reimburse the Town for an underground storage tank removal which took place in 1991.
- ❑ The Board filed legislation, which ultimately was approved, to bring the animal control services under the authority of the Board of Health, which will consolidate functions and provide for increased public safety, especially in light of the rabies epidemic.
- ❑ The Selectmen worked to organize town officials to deal with Greene Mill Estates, a 142 unit subdivision, to ensure that the development serves the best interests of current residents and the future inhabitants of the project.
- ❑ The Selectmen spent considerable time and effort to regionalize dispatch operations in light of the implementation of Emergency 911 service. Representatives met with the state officials in Framingham and New Braintree to determine whether it would be feasible for the state police to perform our dispatching operations. The Board also discussed joint operations with the Milford Selectmen. Unfortunately, we could not identify any consolidation possibilities.

- ☐ The Board successfully leased out the space vacated by Mei's Diner to Jenny Tredeau, who completed substantial renovations to the area and established Jenny's Place, a restaurant that has been well received by local residents.
- ☐ Improved maintenance of the South Hopedale Cemetery, undertaking several small projects and taking a more concerted approach to improving the grounds.
- ☐ Established a limited workers' compensation program to better serve our employees and protect Hopedale taxpayers from catastrophic loss.
- ☐ Coordinated efforts with other communities in the Blackstone Valley to hire an economic development director utilizing state funds.
- ☐ Developed a drug testing policy for all employees with commercial drivers licenses in accordance with recent federal regulations.
- ☐ Worked in conjunction with the Parks Department and the Hopedale Foundation to upgrade the parklands, walking paths, and the town park recreational facilities for kids and adults alike.
- ☐ Held a series of meetings to allow town residents to comment on the performance of the cable provider in Hopedale.

The Board reminds all citizens to vote and participate in town government. The Selectmen appreciate all those who serve the community and make Hopedale a better place to live. The dedication of elected and appointed officials employees, and volunteers, should not be taken for granted. Their dedication makes Hopedale a better place to live and ensures a bright future for the community.



OFFICE OF BOARD OF ASSESSORS

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FY 1996 ANNUAL REPORT

DURING FISCAL YEAR 1996, THE BOARD AND STAFF MEMBERS CONTINUED GATHERING DATA FROM THE VARIOUS "CLASSES" OF RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY WITHIN THE TOWN OF HOPEDALE AS PART OF THE CYCLICAL INSPECTION PROGRAM MANDATED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE.

THE RESULTS OF THIS PROGRAM WERE FED INTO THE NEW COMPUTER AND ENABLED US TO PRODUCE SOME OF THE ASSESSMENT/SALES RATIO REPORTS REQUIRED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE.

THESE REPORTS INDICATED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE THAT WE ARE NOW AT AN OVERALL LEVEL OF 96% OF MARKET VALUE. WE ARE CONTINUING OUR ASSESSMENT TO SALES RATIO STUDIES WITHIN THE TOWN, TO DETERMINE IF THE PRICE TABLES FOR THE VARIOUS "STYLES" OF BUILDINGS NEED TO BE UPDATED AGAIN.

OUR NEXT CERTIFICATION YEAR IS FY97 WHICH BEGINS ON JULY 1, 1996 AND ENDS ON JUNE 30, 1997. WE WILL HAVE MUCH WORK TO ACCOMPLISH BOTH IN THE RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES AND THE COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL PROPERTIES IN ORDER TO OBTAIN THIS CERTIFICATION OF VALUES FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE.

WE CONTINUE TO KEEP UP WITH ALL THE CHANGES AND ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS IMPOSED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE BY ATTENDING AS MANY WORKSHOPS, SEMINARS, EDUCATIONAL CLASSES ETC. AS ARE OFFERED BY THE IAAO (INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF ASSESSING OFFICERS), THE MAAO (THE MASSACHUSETTS ASSOCIATION OF ASSESSING OFFICERS), AND THE WCAA (WORCESTER COUNTY ASSESSORS ASSOCIATION).

WE FEEL OUR OFFICE IS NOW OPERATING AS EFFICIENTLY AS POSSIBLE WITHIN OUR BUDGET AS WE CONTINUE TO PRODUCE THE FAIREST AND MOST EQUITABLE VALUES POSSIBLE AS WE HEAD INTO THE 21ST CENTURY.

WE WISH TO THANK THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN, THE TOWN COORDINATOR, THE TOWN ACCOUNTANT, THE TOWN CLERK, THE TREASURER/COLLECTOR, AS WELL AS ALL THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE STAFF FOR ALL THE COOPERATION AND ASSISTANCE FREELY GIVEN DURING THE PAST FISCAL YEAR.


RICHARD L. VOLPE, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

ROBERT A. CARBONE, ASSESSOR


LISA M. ALBERTO, ASSESSOR

HOPEDALE COUNCIL ON AGING

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Annual Report

July 1, 1995 through June 30, 1996

The Council on Aging continues to strive to meet its two-fold mission:

- to provide information, services and programs which enhance Seniors' well-being
- to be an advocate for issues of concern to Hopedale Seniors

The following 1995 - 1996 monthly activities strived to furthered these objectives:

Nutrition	Meals on Wheels Program
Transportation	Medical Appointments
	Personal Shopping
	Grocery Shopping
Counseling	SHINE (Providing health insurance information to Seniors)
	Referrals to VNA and Tri-Valley
Clinics	Podiatry
	Health Screening
	Vital Signs Monitoring
Activities	Walking Club
	Bowling League
	BINGO
	Card Games
	Senior Chorus
Economic Assistance	Tax Abatement Program
	Fuel Assistance Program

In addition, activities planned throughout the year; Boston Harbor Cruise, Wrights' Mill Farm lunch, Norman Rockwell trip, Brownie Troop/Seniors Halloween Party, COA Christmas party, Valentine party and St. Patrick's Day pot-luck party with Mendon highlight a few of the "special" events sponsored by the Council on Aging.

In April 1996, Christina Holbert, the Council's Director resigned. During, the summer months, the Center functioned largely due to the commendable efforts of Millie Carpenter and Doris Noonan. The Board and Hopedale's Seniors are very grateful. Much appreciation is also extended to the Council's Board of Directors who also assumed increased responsibility during the vacancy of the Director's position.

A new Director was chosen in July. Carole Mullen assumed the position on August 12, 1996. The Board also implemented a change in the Council on Aging's business hours as follows: Monday through Thursday 9 to 3, Friday 9 to 1.

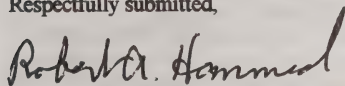
Regarding fiscal matters, it is important to note that grants, town allocations, donations and fundraising (through the Friends of the Elders) have yielded modest results. Continual evaluation of our current financial resources must be under-taken in order to improve and increase our financial base.

Lastly, providing transportation for Seniors' medical appointments and personal errands is an issue of paramount importance. Therefore, a committee has been formed to further evaluate and address Hopedale's Seniors' transportation needs.

The Board of Directors for 1996 -1997 are:

Robert Hammond	Chairman
Mary Challela	Vice Chairwoman
Beverly Carver	Secretary
Jeanne McGuane	Treasurer
Jacqueline Wood	
Joan Pease	
William Wright	
Dan Breen	

Respectfully submitted,



Robert (Zeke) Hammond

ANNUAL REPORT
DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' SERVICES

Your local Veterans Agent is committed to assist our needy veterans and their dependents, with the same concern and compassion that the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Executive Office and the Massachusetts House and Senate had when aid and assistance from our veterans was first created in the Commonwealth. From an early start, many reforms and changes have been made to improve the delivery of services. Today, with the continued support of the Massachusetts Executive Office and the Massachusetts House and Senate, your Veterans' Agent is meeting the needs of our former service personnel.

Your Veterans' Agent administers to many varied entitlement programs and it is for this reason that your local Department of Veterans' Services is considered a ONE-STOP CENTER. In addition to the duties to aid, assist and advise, as stated in Chapter 115, Massachusetts General Law, your Veterans' Agent counsels, files claims, explores every avenue of resources and revenue available. The veteran or dependent of the veteran must be motivated to realize and be aware of their own assets. Where rehabilitation may be required, proper attention is given to that need, with all being done in a manner that treats the veteran or his dependent with dignity and courtesy. Our services to veterans and to their dependents is a record of which we are proud.

Your Veterans' Agent will continue to meet his responsibility to the taxpayers of the Town with diligence, keeping in mind that monies received from other resources will reduce the financial responsibility to the Town.

My thanks to the Board of Selectmen for their understanding to the needs of veterans and for their continued support to insure that the Veterans' Service Department's justifiable monetary benefits are met. The Department of Veterans' Services and the Town will continue to fulfill the needs of those who served.

The Department of Veterans' Services will continue to provide service to our Veterans and their dependents, being aware of the fact that our services have constantly increased. It is therefore necessary to emphasize the quality of services and continue with our best effort to maintain an efficient and economical Veterans Assistance Program.

Respectfully submitted,

Anthony Mastroianni,
Veterans' Agent

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DAYS OPEN

273

HOURS OF OPERATION

31 hours/wk. September- June
 24 hours/wk. July- August

REGISTRATIONS

Adult

Juvenile

Total

NEW BORROWERS

Hopedale

125

90

215

Out of Town

35

2

37

LIBRARY VISITORS

8,347

6,644

14,991

REFERENCE QUESTIONS ANSWERED

1,514

773

2,287

ACQUISITIONS

Total Volumes July 1995

23,169

5,617

28,786

Volumes Added

863

349

1,212

Volumes Withdrawn

833

243

1,076

Total Volumes July 1996

23,199

5,723

28,922

Newspapers Received

3

0

3

Periodicals Received

62

8

70

REPORT

The Board of Trustees remained the same- David Williams, Chairman; Roger Edwards, Vice-Chairman; and Frederick Oldfield, Recording Secretary. Staffing ncludes Elaine Malloy, Director; Elaine Kraimer, Children's Librarian; Anne Mattie, technical Services; Dot Stanas and Pat Colcord, Circulation; Jennifer Masnik, Page; and Walter Manczurowsky, Custodian.

Again, an extremely successful summer reading program for children was held with an enrollment that exceeded well over one hundred. In addition to story hours and prizes, programs included Kizzie the Clown, who also performed magic tricks; a reptile show, Miss Addy; and a Summer Theater Workshop, made possible by a grant.

Mrs. Kraimer continues to offer an exciting agenda at the library. Story hours, a popular happening, occurred on a weekly basis. Other activities included: September, a display for Banned Books Week; October, Dolls of the World exhibit, Halloween costume story hour, and an Animal Rescue League program on Animal Safety; November, an Animal Rescue League program on Why Animals Bite, and a Native American program; December, cookie decorating, Lunch with Santa, and Mrs. Claus's Stories; January, a gingerbread house workshop; February, valentine crafts and a Sweetheart Picnic; March, an evening with Susan Meddaugh, Children's Author; and April, a Teddy Bear Picnic. Words cannot express our gratitude to Dorothy Suszanska and Jackie Burberry, who graciously volunteered time on Wednesday evenings to offer children unparalleled programs of story and song.

Adult programs, too, remain popular. The Fourth Annual Christmas Tea for Senior Citizens grows in number every year. This year we served over one hundred people. Words of welcome were extended by Robert Hammond, Chairman of the Council on Aging, and Roger Edwards, Library Trustee. Elaine Malloy made tree ornaments, and once again each guest was invited to select one to take home as a favor. Helpers included the entire library staff, Friends Nancy Hession, Rosemarie Trevani, and Karla Hopkins; Peg Allen; Roberta Simmons; and Paula Malloy. There was representation from local churches, the Town Hall, the Board of Selectmen; and Library Trustees. The library thanks all the bakers and anyone else who helped make this event so memorable.

The Book Review and Discussion Group continues to meet on a monthly basis with ten to twelve in attendance.

This year, for the first time, the library held a combined adult/children's program, and it was a tremendous success. On Sunday, March 10, Louisa May Alcott, portrayed by Jan Turnquist, visited the library and mesmerized a group of fifty for over an hour. Following her presentation, an elegant tea was served in the Reference Room.

The library is proceeding with the phase-in process of making the facility accessible to the physically challenged. The entrance, at this point, is near completion. The next step calls for an accessible restroom.

Retrospective conversion of the library's shelf listings into the CW Mars database continues, eventually leading to automation of services. To further update and enhance library services, Town Coordinator, Chris Gaffney, and Elaine Malloy, Director, wrote a grant to set up a homework center at the library.

The library was chosen to be a recipient. The project will get underway during the fall months.

Director Elaine Malloy again attended several workshops. She was also keynote speaker at the banquet for volunteers who aided senior citizens. Mrs. Malloy and Lee Packard, sixth grade teacher, wrote a grant to teach local history. The project was very successful. Additionally, the director and Mr. Packard were presenters at a seminar for the Alliance for Education. Other school-related activities included class tours of the library.

The library was also involved with the tax abatement program. Through this, Gloria Hoague and Frances Rae worked at the library. A word must be said to recognize valued volunteers- Donald Stewardson, for portraying Santa; Jamie Rasmussen, who worked two hours a week; and finally, Dan Malloy, who has assisted many times.

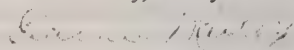
The Bancroft Memorial Library continues to be a popular place to hold meetings. Several scout troops met on a weekly basis. Local organizations also utilized space. Additionally, the library also provided host space for a children's art show that was sponsored by Laura Williams. In September, the library was the setting for a luncheon for the Society for the Preservation of New England Antiquities. The event was sponsored by the Hopedale Foundation and co-hosted by Barbara Kochon, Town Clerk, and Elaine Malloy, Director. Lee Packard, portraying Reverend Adin Ballou, made an appearance.

The Friends of the Library remain a vital asset, bringing many things to fruition that would otherwise be impossible. In addition to friendship and support, they provided passes to the Heritage Plantation, New England Science Center, Southwick's, and the Discovery Museum. They also sponsored the Christmans Tea, the reptile show, the magician, Louisa May Alcott, Lunch with Santa, author Susan Meddaugh, and the Native American program.

The Hopedale Foundation is another valued friend. They continue to contribute most generously to the Friends of the Library and provide passes to the Boston Museum of Science, the Boston Aquarium, and the Sports Museum. This year, too, they sponsored a cooperative project between the Hopedale and Millbury libraries, The Mill Town Library: a Photography Exhibit. The thirty-eight photos, poster size, are now traveling to different locations in the Blackstone Valley for viewing.

The Bancroft Memorial Library gratefully acknowledges the donations made to the Tiffany Fund in memory of Gladys Cutter Tiffany. Finally, the trustees and staff thank all who contributed time or materials to the library.

Respectfully submitted,
Elaine Malloy, Library Director





Town of Hopedale
Town Hall - Hopedale, Massachusetts 01747

September 10, 1996

Board of Selectmen
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Dear Board Members:

Please find below the departmental report describing the activities of the Hopedale Cultural Council between July 1, 1995, and June 30, 1996:

Grant Awards: Southeastern MA Community Concert Band	\$400
Council on Aging "Hats off to Seniors" Program	\$235
Blackstone Valley Art Association Art Festival	\$300
Blackstone valley Regional Vocational Tech High School Tsongas Central Park Program	\$225
Hopedale Memorial Elementary School for Little Theater for the Deaf Program	\$700
Greater Milford Ballet "The Nutcracker"	\$475
Milford Performing Arts Center "Children's Theater"	\$400
Stone Street Strummers Performance	\$300

The Hopedale Cultural Council also organized the summer series of band concerts.

Very truly yours,

Joanne Andreotti, Secretary
Hopedale Cultural Council



"The Dale 1700; Hopedale 1841; A Town 1886"

Commission on Disabilities

Hopedale, Massachusetts 01747

Town of Hopedale-Annual Report

Commission on Disabilities

The Commission on Disabilities is comprised of four members: Peter Ellis, Jr., chairman; Mary Challela; Peggy Flynn; and Nancy Greene, secretary. The Commission met seven times between September and June.

The Commission contributed funds to assist challenged children to New Bright Beginnings, a pre-school program of the Hopedale Public Schools. Funds for the purchase of materials to help individuals adapt to a disability were provided to the Bancroft Memorial Library.

Approval was given to a grievance procedure for town employees with disabilities.

The Commission will address the following objectives in the upcoming year:

- 1) to fill vacant memberships
- 2) to train new members as access monitors
- 3) to obtain an automatic door opener for the Town Hall
- 4) to set up an information center for townspeople with disabilities
- 5) to monitor accessibility renovations at the library

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

HOPEDALE HOUSING AUTHORITY

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REPORT FOR THE HOPEDALE HOUSING AUTHORITY
FOR THE YEAR 1996

The annual meeting of the Authority was held March 14 1996 the following were elected or appointed to office:

Alice Phillips	Chairman	1999
Paul Bresciani	Vice Chairman	2001
Charles Germagian	Treasurer	2000
Margaret Bishop	Ass't Treasurer	1998
Edward Malloy	Ass't Secretary	1999
Katherine E. Consigli	Executive Director & Secretary	
David T. Pagnini	Legal Counsel	

The Housing for Elderly, Project 667-C known as Griffin-Dennett Apartments, consists of eighty apartments and is managed according to regulations set forth by the Executive Office of Communities and Development.

The Authority meets on the second Thursday of each month and the annual meeting is held on the second Thursday in May. The Authority held twelve regular meetings and three special meetings during 1995-1996.

The Authority will be awarding a contract in September 1996 to replace all windows and vinyl siding in the Griffin Complex.

In 1995 porches and new roofing was completed in the Dennett apartments Complex.

The tenants Association is very active and they meet on a monthly basis.

Signs have been made for the Griffin and Dennett Apartments.

Income limits for admittance were raised in 1996 by EOCD but asset limits remain the same. There is a current waiting list and local residents are still given preference according to regulations.

Due to fiscal Restraints in the Commonwealth several of the maintenance projects anticipated were eliminated and cannot be addressed until restrictions are removed by EOCD. Therefore modernization Grants from EOCD have been cut back.

Respectfully Submitted,
Alice Phillips, Chairman

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

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**FINANCIAL OPERATING STATEMENT
OCTOBER 1, 1995- SEPTEMBER 30 1996**

INCOME

Tenant's Rents	194,880
Miscellaneous	5,994.00
Total	200,874

EXPENDITURES

Salaries and Wages	45,421.00
Utilities	72,935.00
Repairs and Supplies	9,175.00
Insurance	14,512.00
Contract Cost	20,548.00
Miscellaneous	18,211.00
Total	180,802.00

NET INCOME	20,072.00
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TOWN OF HOPEDALE PARKS COMMISSION

P.O. Box 7
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YEARLY REPORT, FISCAL YEAR 1996

This has been a year of transition for the Hopedale Park Commission. In February, David Bliss announced his resignation to concentrate on his duties as Deputy Fire Chief. In May, voters dramatically changed the complexion of the board by electing Bob Colcord to a 3 year term replacing John Johnson, and Mark Sesona for 1 year - fulfilling the final year of Bliss' term.

Late spring/early summer brought an unprecedented stretch of activity, with the new board quickly following through on several unfinished projects from the previous year, and implementing many new initiatives. A great deal of this activity revolved around several renewal projects made possible through the generosity of a 1995 grant from the Hopedale Foundation.

Improvements completed by the Park Commission under this grant include:

- * Brushcutting/widening along the entire length of the entire Parklands road and, surfacing of the east side with crushed asphalt procured free of charge from the Rt. 16 resurfacing project. (Summer 1995)

Surfacing of most of the west side of the Parklands road, with free materials courtesy of Milford's Main St. resurfacing project. (September 1996)

- * Addition of a new playground structure at the Town Park. (Phase I: Spring 1995, Phase II June 1996)
- * A complete facelift to the Town Park bandstand which included replacing shingle siding with clapboards, roofing and painting. (June 1996)
- * Structural repairs and painting of all light poles and framework, and removal/replacement of all fencing around the Town Park tennis courts. (August 1996)
- * The highlight of the fall season was the re-naming of the Parklands road to the Hopedale Parklands Nature Trail, and its dedication to former Park Commissioner and longtime town resident Willard W. Taft. A landscaped stone monument, graciously donated by Kimball Sand & Gravel of Blackstone, MA, now sits on the grassy knoll just past the Town Pond bath house; on it rests a bronze plaque commending Mr. Taft "for his many years of dedication in preserving this special landscape for the enjoyment of all." In addition, there's an appropriate excerpt taken from Henry David Thoreau's "Walden, The Ponds", which reads: "If the fairest features of the landscape are to be named after men, let them be the noblest and worthiest men alone." The Commission was proud to be a part of this tribute to one of Hopedale's most genuine, respected and worthiest public servants.

Other improvements and upgrades to the town's recreational facilities completed by the Commission during FY 96 include:

TOWN PARK:

- * A meticulous, on-going maintenance program championed by Commissioner Bob Colcord has helped restore the ballfield to its place as one of the premiere diamonds in the area.
- * Painting and roofing of the park bathrooms, as well as increased access to this facility. (Fall 1995)
- * At the urging of Blue Raiders baseball coach Joe Small, a safety fence was

added around the playground area. The main purpose of this was to protect children, young and old, from stray balls hit from the ballfield during practices and games; in addition, the fence has provided definition to the playground area - giving parents an enclosed area in which to corral their toddlers. (June 1996)

- * Replacement of the storage garage overhead door. (June 1996)
- * Application of new, washed sand to the playground area, courtesy of a generous donation by Varney Sand & Gravel, Bellingham, MA. (July 1996)
- * Installation of new rules and regulations signage throughout the park. (July 1996)
- * Replacement of toddler swings. (September 1996)
- * Repair and painting of the iron railing on the north and south sides of the park. The scraping and painting of both rails was completed by Jason Clark as part of an Eagle Scout project (October 1996).
- * A continuation and expansion of the popular summer recreation program. This summer tradition continues to offer free games, supervised activities, and reasonably priced crafts projects (most of which cost children just five to fifteen cents), to enjoy. Working in conjunction with School Superintendent Donald Hayes, 1996 also saw the return of the park bus, which provided free transportation to youngsters throughout the town, both to and from the park/pond area. Unfortunately, ridership numbers did not meet expectations over the course of the summer, and this once-popular service will probably be discontinued for the 1997 season.

Thanks to the combined efforts and cooperation between the Park Commission and the Hopedale Police Department, complaints of rowdiness and loitering in and around the confines of the park dropped dramatically in 1996. This can be attributed directly to an increased, daily presence by the Police, thanks in great part to an available community policing grant. Their presence, combined with better managed and increased lighting around the Park, has curtailed excessive noise, loitering and acts of vandalism; and has helped maintain the beauty the area for everyone to enjoy.

MELLEN STREET RECREATION AREA:

- * Increased hours of access.
- * Maintaining a schedule book for all league play and planned activities in an effort to avoid scheduling conflicts. (April 1996)
- * Implementation of a usage fee for adult league play, with an additional stipend charged to non-Hopedale-based teams or organizations. (July 1996)
- * New rules & regulations signage. (June 1996)
- * Installation of a new backstop. (July 1996)
- * In response to past acts of vandalism, a sturdy wooden perimeter fence was constructed to keep unauthorized vehicles off of the fields (July 1996).
- * Replacement of old swings in the playground area. (October 1996)

The Mellen St. fields have undergone a slow, but steady transformation from a lightly-used, open space, to a well-defined, popular facility. Thanks in great part to the dedication and cooperative spirit of Commissioner Mark Sesona, and a score of volunteers from groups like the Hopedale Girls Softball League and the Milford-Hopedale Youth Soccer Association, the area now features a concession stand, porta-toilets, scoreboards and regularly groomed infields.

HOPEDALE POND AND PARKLANDS:

- * A successful summer swimming lesson program. Under the guidance of Commissioner Rick Espanet, the revival of this American Red Cross certified program began in May 1995 with the hiring of part-time Water Safety Instructors and an enrollment of 50 youngsters. 1996 saw participation double, with the Summer Director and three full-time lifeguards instructing. While overall attendance for general swimming was down slightly from those of the extremely hot summer of 95', the town beach continued to be a safe, popular spot for Hopedale youngsters and their families to enjoy summer afternoons and evenings.
- * Re-establishment of the Summer Recreation Director's position. Hopedale resident Jaime Dalton was hired to oversee the day-to-day operations of both the town pond and park. The energy, dedication and determination exhibited by Ms. Dalton and her staff resulted in one of the most successful, well-received, and trouble-free summer programs in recent memory.
- * Roofing and painting of the bath house, with painting services provided in exchange for daily lunches under a supervised work-release program offered by the Northeast Corrections Center in Concord, MA. (October 1995)
- * New rules & regulations signage in and around the bath house/waterfront area. (June 1996)
- * Replacement/extension of perimeter fencing around the beach area. (June 1996)
- * Application of new, washed sand to the beach area, courtesy of another generous donation by Varney Sand & Gravel. (June 1996)
- * Installation of a new bubbler. (June 1996)
- * Installation of an outside showerhead. (June 1996)
- * Complete upgrade of all lifesaving/safety equipment to meet or exceed American Red Cross standards. (June 1996)
- * Once again utilized the Northeast Corrections labor program to trim shoreline brush on the east side of the pond from the Little Red Shoppe up to the cove on the far side of the bath house. The goal here was to restore the appearance of the shoreline while making more of it accessible to fishermen, small boating enthusiasts, and skaters. Similar work is tentatively scheduled to commence on the Lake St. side of the pond in Fall 1996 or Spring 1997. (June 1996)

Hopedale Pond is a tremendous natural resource, and the Commission encourages residents to take advantage of it's waters and Parklands for various forms of year-round recreation. The overall water quality of the pond has been excellent; and for the second consecutive year, not a single day of swimming was lost due to elevated bacteria counts.

There are, however, three areas of concern that the Park Commission is dealing with in and around the pond.

- 1) A worsening weed condition. The partial, annual chemical treatments afforded by budget limitations are effective against a weed type called milfoil; however, another exotic weed called kabomba - which is more difficult and expensive to treat - is choking off the northern half of the pond and is now showing up in the swimming area and southern portion of the waterway. The board is investigating available matching state grants which the town can utilize to reverse this trend.
- 2) Parklands vandalism. Unfortunately, over the last two years, vehicular access to the Parklands has been limited due to excessive vandalism and littering throughout the area. Police and Highway Department manpower limitations, which prohibit adequate patrolling and maintenance of the Parklands when the gates are left open, are the primary factors behind our decision to keep them closed to vehicular traffic. Roadway improvements have made the Parklands safer and more accessible for town safety and rescue

vehicles, as well as outdoor and nature enthusiasts. The Board is looking for ways to provide greater access to this unique area, while discouraging those who choose senselessly and selfishly destroy its beauty.

- 3) Canadian Geese over-population. This year, the town beach area was inundated by these birds. While this issue is certainly not unique to Hopedale, the Commission is exploring methods to eradicate the majority of them from the lower pond area. As a first step in this direction the immediate beach area was posted with with "do not feed the geese" sign. Public understanding and compliance with this request proved to be somewhat successful. The installation of a mesh fence between both ends of the raft and the beach, effectively prevented the birds from fouling the swimming area. The board will continue to explore options to control and/or eliminate this situation.

In closing, the Commission would like to thank the following town officials and employees whose patience and teamwork directly contributed to the many successful accomplishments listed here:

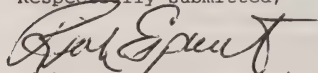
First and foremost, the Hopedale Highway Department for their professionalism, dedication and commitment to maintaining the beauty of our recreational areas. The Road Commissioners and Foreman Bob DePonte and his crew were always open and accessible, and they met every request and timetable, presented to them by this Board; Town Accountant Kathy Garabedian and the entire town hall administrative staff; Town Clerk, Barbara Kochon; Town Coordinator Chris Gaffney; Chief Eugene Costanza and the Hopedale Police Dept; the Hopedale Foundation; Lenny Izzo and the Board of Health; School Superintendent Don Hayes; Eli Potty; and Al Shimkus.

The following local merchants and townsfolk graciously donated their time and/or services:

Chester Francis, Varney Bros. Sand & Gravel; Kimballs Sand & Gravel, Donald Howes, Howes Welding; Dick Stickney & the Massachusetts Electric Co.; Walter Swift, Swift's Landscaping & Design; Gerry Smith, Aquatic Control Technology, Inc.; Virginia Cyr; Lucien Gagnon; George Labadie; and David Guglielmi.

The future of our recreational areas and programs looks bright; and we thank the townsfolk of Hopedale for entrusting with their care and preservation.

Respectfully submitted,



Richard P. Espanet -Chairman

OFFICE OF



TREE WARDEN

P.O. BOX 7
HOPEDALE, MASS.

1996 Annual Report

This year started with a severe wind storm in the fall. This storm left three homes with large trees resting on them. Many streets were blocked by branches and downed trees. With the help of the Highway Department, most of the damage was cleaned up within three days. Other removals were done on Mendon, Hope, Hopedale, Northrop and Freedom Streets.

Safety pruning was done on Lower Jones Rd., Hope, Maple, Inman, Lake and Cemetery Streets.

Nine new trees were planted in various locations around town. I also purchased over two hundred Kousa Dogwood seedling for the fourth and fifth grades, some of these trees are planted at Memorial School.

I wish to thank the residents for their patients and to the Highway Department for their continued help to keep the streets safe.

Respectfully submitted,

David Sawyer
Tree Warden

OFFICE OF



ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

HOPEDALE, MASS. 01747

REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR 1996

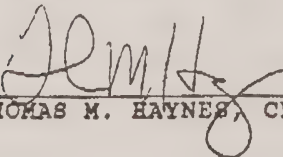
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1995 THERE WERE 8 HEARINGS HELD BY THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS FOR VARIANCES OR SPECIAL PERMITS.

PHILIP LEMARDRE RESIGNED AS AN ALTERNATE MEMBER.

THOMAS M. HAYNES, LOU COSTANZA, THOMAS STOCK, WILLIAM NORTHROP, AND STEVEN GALLAGHER ARE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. THOMAS DAIGE IS AN ALTERNATE MEMBER.

WE EXPRESS OUR THANKS TO THE TOWN HALL STAFF, WHO HAVE ASSISTED US THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.

RESPECTFULLY,



THOMAS M. HAYNES, CHAIRMAN



Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners

P.O. Box 7

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REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR 1996

During fiscal year 1996, the Board conducted twelve regular meetings.

This year, as in recent years, there has been only a slight increase in the water and sewer customers in the town. This fact is directly related to the lack of construction growth within the town.

Action taken by the Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners in the past year includes:

WATER DEPARTMENT

* This year the Water Department is happy to report that they did not have to call for any type of water ban measures during the summer of 1996. The department attributes this to a number of factors. First, the two new satellite wells that have been installed at the Greene Street Station have received approval for pumping from the Department of Environmental Protection in November of 1995. Since this time, our average daily consumption has been about 210,000 gallons per day, approximately 120,000 more gallons per day than was pumped from just one well. Another factor was the large amount of snowfall and rainfall we experienced throughout the year. Finally, the Water Department wishes to express its appreciation to its customers for their efforts in conserving water.

* The Water Department did most of the work at the site of the satellite well in an effort to diminish the cost to the town. The complete cost for this project was approximately \$65,000.00. With the installation of these wells, the department is happy to report the iron count from the Greene Street Site has been lowered by two p.p.m. (parts per million). This is due to the fact that the two new wells, which are low in iron, are being mixed with the water from the well that is high in iron. This has lowered customer complaints considerably. The department continues to inject fifty percent sodium hydroxide to control the PH of the water and calgon C-4 and C-5, a polyphosphate product, to sequester the iron.

* The department has also reviewed the plans for the Greene - Mill Estate Project and has met with other town departments and proponents of the development. The Water and Sewer Commission has hired Allen Morgenroth of Morgenroth & Associates to review the plans for the project and advise the Commission from an engineering perspective.

* The only other project that has been added to the water system is six-hundred feet of ductile pipe at Charlesgate Terrace.

* The Water Department has met all Department of Environmental Protection standards for water quality testing for its samples from both well sites. Furthermore, the department continues to obtain seven bacteria samples monthly from seven locations throughout the town, designated by the Department of Environmental Protection. The Water Department is happy to report that the town's water has met all DEP and EPA standards for safe water.

* The Water Department continues to handle all day to day operations, which include customer complaints, work orders, the maintenance on the Water Department facilities at both the Greene and Mill Street Stations, and the maintenance of the wellfield, which includes cutting the grass and marking the well and gates.

SEWER DEPARTMENT

* The department studied the feasibility and cost of connecting the upper Freedom Street and South Main Street sections of town to the towns collection system. The proposals for the Greene-Mill Estates and the Draper office building were reviewed.

* In the past year a new Chief Operator, Marcel Tremblay, was hired. The Department also hired a Swingman/Laborer, John Schreiber.

* The use of the former plant office and pick-up truck for the Dog Officer was donated to the Board of Health.

* The department maintained the collection system in town. Including the response to individual homeowners problems.

* All testing and monitoring was completed within state and federal regulations.

The other main projects of the department were:

* Mechanical seals were installed on the Daw Influent Pumps.

* The repair of the plant roof was put out to bid.

* Installed ultrasonic flowmeter on the effluent flow for more accurate readings.

Once again, the Board extends its appreciation to the employees in both the Water and Sewer Departments as well as other town employees who have provided assistance throughout the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

Eli Potty, Superintendent Water & Sewer Department

J. Mark Ansart, Chairman of Water and Sewer Commissioners



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ZONING DEPT.
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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT FISCAL YEAR 1996

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of Hopedale.
I hereby submit the report of the Building / Zoning Department for the fiscal year starting July 1, 1995 and ending June 30, 1996.

This has been a busy year for the Building Department. One goal that was achieved this year was to make the Department more accessible to the general public. This was accomplished by having set office hours for the first time ever. We also obtained our own phone line and answering machine. Now all phone calls are returned daily.

Other goals achieved this year were: new permit applications / procedures, updated all required annual inspections, a closer interaction with all other Town Departments.

Permits were issued as follows:

Single Family Dwellings	13	Residential Additions	3
Residential Renovations	19	Tenant Fit Up	3
Decks	15	Sheds	8
In Ground Pools	8	Above Ground Pools	3
Roofing	11	Wood Stoves	4
Garages	1	Signs	1
Certificate of Inspection	17	Zoning Permits	2

There were a total of 108 permits issued. The estimated cost of construction was \$ 1,909,337.00. The total permit fees collected was \$ 13, 986.74.

I am looking forward to serving the Town of Hopedale during the next year.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael A. Tusino

Michael A. Tusino
Building Commissioner
Zoning Enforcement Officer



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PLUMBING & GAS INSPECTOR

**REPORT OF PLUMBING & GAS PERMITS / INSPECTIONS FROM
JULY 1, 1995 THRU JUNE 30, 1996.**

Plumbing Permit Fees Collected	\$ 1,759.00
Gas Permit Fees Collected	\$ 416.00

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

**JOHN BALANCA
PLUMBING & GAS INSPECTOR**



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WIRING INSPECTOR

**REPORT OF ELECTRICAL PERMITS / INSPECTIONS FROM JULY 1,
1995 THRU JUNE 30, 1996.**

Total inspections	101
Permit Fees Collected	\$ 1,870.00

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

**ALBERT SHIMKUS
WIRING INSPECTOR**



OFFICE OF
Board of Road Commissioners

HOPEDALE, MASSACHUSETTS 01747

REPORT FOR FY 96

The Highway Department experienced a very busy and productive year. Winter was especially demanding, yet we were able to keep roads and sidewalks open with no major problems.

Several major road improvement projects have been completed including the resurfacing of Rt. 16 with 5700' of sidewalk and all the guardrails being replaced. Also resurfaced was Green Street and Cook Street.

Another significant project was the reconstruction of Hopedale Street roadway and sidewalk from Rt. 16 to the intersection of Green Street.

We also corrected three major drain problems: two on Progress Street and one on Freedom Street.

Again we continued to assist the Park Department with manpower and equipment in their park system program.

Town Meeting appropriated funds included a new 1997 L8000 Ford truck.

We would like to thank all in the General Offices and other departments for their help and cooperation when needed.

Respectfully submitted,

Merwin Noyes, Chairman
John Farrar
Eli Potty



POLICE DEPARTMENT
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CHIEF OF POLICE
EUGENE P. COSTANZA

FISCAL 1996 ANNUAL REPORT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the residents of Hopedale, I hereby submit the Hopedale Police Department Annual Town Report.

Fiscal 1996 continued to be a year of rebuilding and reorganization for the Police Department.

In June of 1996 Officer Mark Giovannella was promoted to the rank of Sergeant. Sergeant Giovannella will be the 11:00pm-7:00am supervisor.

During the course of the year, we held several events such as, Bicycle Inspection and Registration, a Halloween Parade and Party for the children, a Christmas Party and Dinner for our seniors, a Christmas Party and Visit with Santa for the children, the Third Annual Hopedale Police and Fireman's Ball, a Tribute to the oldies night to benefit the D.A.R.E. Program, a Children I.D. Program and a field trip to a Pawtucket Red Sox game, sponsored by our D.A.R.E. Program.

Officer Victor Best, the departments D.A.R.E. Officer continued the program with much success. Next year we hope to be expanding the program to include grades K-4. The state has informed us that the grant funds used to support the D.A.R.E. program may be decreased. If this is the case then the D.A.R.E. program in Hopedale will be effected because it is fully funded by grant funds.

Once again calls for service to the police department have increased compared to the stats of F.Y. 1995. Our present manpower has handled the influx of calls, however if this increase in calls is an indication of times to come we will need to address the issue of increasing the staff.

The police department continued it's philosophy of Community Policing and maintained the Officer on Bicycle Patrol unit. The residents saw the officers on their bikes at various public events such as, band concerts, road races, parades, and at times on routine patrol in the area of the park, park lands, and center of town. This type of policing has given us a better way to interact with the residents and children in town. Once again I received a lot of positive feed back from the residents regarding this program especially in the area of the town park.

Work on the new police facility was completed. We moved into the new building on March 1, 1996 and held an open house/grand opening on May 11, 1996. Over two hundred residents took the tour of the station and were treated to snacks, soft drinks, and music by the Hopedale Fantasy Big Band. This project would not have been possible without the help of many residents, businesses, friends and associates who donated their time, labor, materials, and funds.

The Enhanced 911 service issue still has not been determined. It is my intention to hire civilian dispatchers to work at the new police station. They would handle all emergency and non emergency calls for various town departments. This would allow the police station to be open twenty four hours a day seven days a week so we may better serve the residents of Hopedale.

The state has informed us that they are ready to put us on line with E-911 in November of 1996, however due to contractual snags between the fire department and the town it looks highly unlikely that this issue will be solved with in the time frame the state has in mind.

The police department applied for and received three grants during the year. We received three grants from the Executive Office of Public Safety. The first was for \$10,000.00 to continue our D.A.R.E. Program. The second was for \$6,750.00 to continue our community policing program. The third was for \$8,000.00 to purchase a new hand held laser radar gun and video camera system for a cruiser.

I want to thank the residents, Town Boards and Departments for their support and assistance. I look forward to working in unison with all parties during my tenure as Chief of Police. I especially want to extend my thanks to the members of the Hopedale Police Department. These men and women are a dedicated, sincere, and loyal group of individuals whom have showed their support for me and always give 110% .

My intent was, and will always be, to maintain the demeanor of the Hopedale Police Department personnel in order to continue being a

people's police department. As Chief of Police, I feel we have achieved this goal, along with maintaining our professional image, and always remembering we are here to protect, to serve, and to interact with the public.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "E.P. Costanza Jr.", with a long, sweeping horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Eugene P. Costanza Jr.
Chief of Police

HOPEDALE POLICE DEPARTMENT

ANNUAL REPORT

<u>TRAFFIC ACTIVITY</u>	1996	1995	INCREASE / DECREASE	
Total Number Of Accidents	139	88	+ 33.7 %	
Total Number Of Accidents No Injuries	99	64	+ 35.4 %	
Total Number Of Accidents With Injuries	39	24	+38.5 %	
Total Number Of Accidents Fatalities	1	0	+100 %	
Hazardous Motor Vehicle Arrests (Not O.U.I.)	93	82	+13.4 %	
Operating Under The Influence Arrests	22	22	+0 %	-0 %
Total Number Of Motor Vehicle Citations Issued	2,044	2,045		-0.0005 %
Total Number Of Civil Citations Issued	1,243	879	+29.2 %	
Total Number Of Complaint Citations Issued	90	143		-37.0 %
Total Number Of Warning Citations Issued	490	767		- 36.1 %
Total Number Of Parking Citations Issued	221	256		-13.6 %
Total Number Of Abandoned Vehicles	1	3		-66.7 %
Total Number Of Towed Vehicles	230	107	+53.5 %	
Total Number Of Stolen Vehicles	3	1	+66.7 %	

CRIMINAL ACTIVITY

Total Number Of Investigations	2,522	2,448	+3.0 %	
Total Number Of Arrests Felony / Adult	90	87	+3.0 %	
Total Number Of Arrests Felony / Juvenile	19	17	+10.5 %	
Total Number Of Arrests Misdemeanor / Adult	406	423		-4.0 %
Total Number Of Arrests Misdemeanor / Juvenile	63	67		-6.0 %
Total Number Of Arrest Warrants Served	162	159	+6.0 %	
Total Number Of Property Checks Made	2,375	908	+61.7 %	
Total Number Of Field Interviews / Adult	945	1,154		-18.0 %
Total Number Of Field Interviews / Juvenile	235	379		-38.0 %
Total Number Of Recovered Vehicles	3	2	+33.3 %	
Total Number Of Recovered Bicycles	20	27		-28.6 %
Total Number Of Stolen Bicycles	22	28		-21.4 %
Total Number Of Summons / 209A Served	277	226	+18.4 %	
Total Number Of Drug Related Arrests	59	57	+3.5 %	
Total Number Of Individuals Held In Protective Custody	45	27	+40.0 %	

ADMINISTRATION AND GENERAL

Total Number Of Hours Spent On Dare	800	753	+6.0 %	
Total Number Of Hours Spent On Community Service	635	547	+16.1 %	
Total Number Of Patrol Hours	6,820	6,672	+22.0 %	
Total Number Of Selective Enforcement Hours	2600	2,568	+1.2 %	
Total Number Of Outside Agency Assists	680	675	+1.0 %	
Total Number Of Training Hours	3650	3,147	+13.8 %	
Total Number Of Public Talks	177	145	+18.1 %	
Total Number Of Court Appearances (Criminal)	463	469		-1.2 %
Total Number Of Court Appearances (Civil)	318	325		-2.1 %
Total Number Of Administrative Investigations	1,109	789	+28.9 %	
Total Number Of Calls For Service	29,101	24,459	+16.0 %	



HOPEDALE FIRE DEPARTMENT

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David B. Bliss, Chief

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

To the honorable Board of Selectmen and the citizens of Hopedale I herewith submit the report of the Hopedale Fire Department for July 1, 1995 to June 30, 1996.

During the year there were 595 responses by apparatus to incidents and a total of 1,291 services provided by the Fire Department.

Department responded to a total of 19 structure fires and 12 car fires with a combined total fire loss reported of \$23,000.00. Total of 249 medical assistance calls during the year. With a total of calls for service in FY'95 at 1,143 compared to total calls in FY'96 of 1,291 a 148 calls increase in this Fiscal Year, the demand for service still on a rise each year.

Dispatching must also be addressed to ensure at all times calls can be answered as a matter of public safety and also a requirement for Enhanced 911 service being brought to Hopedale.

Throughout the year various training programs were conducted both in and out of house. Off site training through the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy. Training on the company level were accomplished in house. Cardiac Pulmonary Resuscitation and Blood Borne Pathogens training were completed as required by state and federal law. In addition a monthly video training tape series is made available to members as well as basic training in Incident Command tapes as well.

As in past years fire prevention programs were presented in the school system in grades K-6. This years program was Emergency Drills in the Home and reached over 600 students. At the end of the program a Open House was conducted at the fire station with tours and new and old apparatus on display with ongoing displays and demonstrations by the firefighters. The open house was attended by over 200 residents.

The personnel of the fire department are comprised of:

- 1- Full-time Chief
- 4- Full-time firefighters/dispatchers
- 21- Call firefighters/operators

ALARM RESPONSES

Structure Fires - 19

Motor Vehicle Fires - 12

MVA-Medical Assistance - 34

MVA-Entrapment/Medical - 2

Medical Assistance - 249

Mutual Aid Given - 18

Mutual Aid Received - 3

Investigations - 70

Faulty/False Alarms - 36

Lock-out/in - 35

Assistance to town departments - 14

Brush/Grass Fires - 12

Gasoline Spills - 7

Hazardous Materials Incidents - 6

Total Responses - 517

Administrative Activities

Inspections/Investigations by Chief - 316

Permits Issued - 276

Violation/Warning Issued - 8

Fire Alarm Service Calls - 51

Total Fire Department Activities for FY'96 - 1,291

Estimated Dollar Loss From Fire For FY'96 - \$23,000.00

Fire Related deaths - 0

Fire Related Injuries To Civilians - 0

Fire Related Injuries To Firefighters - 0

APPARATUS

**Engine 2 - Maxim, 1,000 GPM Pumper; Purchased 1968; Fair condition;
Should be replaced (28 Years old)**

**Engine 3 - Pierce/Freightliner, 1250 GPM Pumper ; Purchased 1994; Excellent
Condition (New)**

**Engine 4 - Maxim, 1,000 GPM Pumper; Purchased 1987; Excellent Condition; (9
Years Old)**

**Ladder 1 - Maxim, 85 Foot Aerial Ladder; Purchased 1973; Good Condition;
(23 Years Old)**

**Rescue 1 - E.J. Murphy, Medium Duty Walk in Rescue 4WD; Excellent Condition;
(new)**

**Forestry 5 - Chevrolet K-20 4WD with 250 tank and Pump; 1981 Used formerly
highway dept. vehicle. Poor Condition; Should be replaced soon. (15 Years Old)**

Car 1 - 1992 Ford Explorer 4WD; Good Condition; (4 years old)

**Once again the dedication and the highly professional staff of this department has
proved themselves, in providing the excellent service to all the residents of this town
and what residents expect from this department in quality fire and emergency
medical services.**

Respectfully submitted,

**David B. Bliss
Fire Chief**



Annual Report of Emergency Management Agency

To the honorable Board of Selectmen and the citizens of Hopedale, I herewith submit the report of the Hopedale Emergency Management Agency for July 1, 1995 to June 30, 1996.

Although we had a very heavy snow fall this winter, there were no major weather problems that were not be on our capability to handle.

Over \$20,000 in grant money were returned to the town for snow removal costs paid by the federal and state agency's.

Statements of Understanding and Shelter Agreements with the American Red Cross and Hopedale Public Schools were signed for another year. And shelter and feeding capabilities were reassessed and cataloged.

Monthly Checker Board drills were participated in by the fire department.

Emergency generator systems at the town hall and public safety building should be replaced.

The town hall system is inoperable. In an emergency the town hall and highway garage would not have power which would result in severe operational problems in an emergency.

I would like to thank all the town staff, especially the highway department employees and Road Commissioners who we work closely together, a job well done to all of them.

Respectfully submitted,

David B. Bliss
Director



HOPEDALE SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE

Junior-Senior High School Building

Hopedale, Massachusetts 01747

473-3080



ANNUAL REPORT

The 1995-96 year was a momentous one for the School Building Committee. The renovation and expansion of the Memorial School was completed in phases around the holiday period and the entire elementary school population was brought together in one location by the middle of January.

Rededication ceremonies were held on Sunday, March 3, 1996 to a capacity audience. Self-guided tours of the 650-student facility capped the afternoon's festivities.

The completion of the elementary project also saw a number of resignations from Building Committee members, many of whom had been on the School Building Committee since its inception in 1987. A request made at the Annual Town Meeting in April saw several citizens step forward to fill those vacancies and ten new residents were sworn in following the May elections.

With the dramatic growth in the student population now reaching the high school years, and with growing concerns expressed about the aging facilities at the Jr.-Sr. High School, the Building Committee's next challenge is well defined. The special Town Meeting in June provided an operating budget to allow the Building Committee to hire an architect and develop a full feasibility study on the secondary school needs and the alternatives available to respond to that need. The Building Committee hopes to have a recommendation ready for Town Meeting consideration in April of 1997.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald A. Hayes
Superintendent of Schools
Secretary to the Building Committee

1995-1996 Membership

Michael Farrer, Chair
Joseph Antonellis
Jack Butler
John DiPietropolo
Charles Espanet
Leonard Garabedian
Donald Hayes
Linda Luckraft
James McCallum
Loretta Tenenholtz

1996-1997 Membership

David Pantano, Chair
Edward Burke
Linda Caulkins
John DiPietropolo
Grace Dorsey
Donald Hayes
Ann Lavelle
Jessica LeMarbre
Elizabeth Lerner
Debra Madden
Richard Martin
Howard Maurer



DONALD A. HAYES
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS



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HOPEDALE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Richard Martin	Term Expires May 1998
Linda Luckraft	Term Expires May 1997
John Bacon	Term Expires May 1999
Edward Burke	Term Expires May 1998
Leonard Garabedian	Term Expires May 1997

The Hopedale School Committee hereby approves this and the attached "Report of the Superintendent of Schools" as the Annual Report of the School Committee.

ONE HUNDRED TENTH COMMENCEMENT OF HOPEDALE HIGH SCHOOL SATURDAY, JUNE 1, 1996

Anthony David Abbruzzese	Katie Anne Luce
Matthew J. Antonellis	Peter Joseph Luckraft
Shawn Patrick Balian	Katherine Mee Sook McCarthy-Donovan
Carolyn Leanne Bean	Erica Hope McIntire
Cheryl Ann Behr*	Joseph B. Menfi
Denise Hai-Yam Chan*	Amanda Marie Milhomme
Jennifer Lynn Coffey	Beth Kathryn Mooradian*
Peter J. Costanza	Gregor Andrew Pagnini*
Christina Mary DiGioia*	Kailen Alana Pirro
Paul Michael DiPietro*	Angelique C. Rondeau*
Justin J. Doucette	Kristina Lynn Russo
Leanne Marie Drew	Christina Marie Saunders
Jaclyn Danielle Espanet	Bernadette Marie Scano*
Stephanie Lynn Evans	Shawn Francis Sherillo
David Justin Farrer	Lindsey Michelle Small
Andrea Feijo*	Anthony James Stewart
Heather Ann Field	Jasen R. Tetreault
Julie M. Hensel	David F. Vaillancourt
Jonathan Charles Hester	Matthew Joseph Ward
Michael David Hourihan*	Sarah Ann Wilcox*
William Carson Joyce*	

* National Honor Society



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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS 1995-1996 School Year

The 1995-96 school year was an event-filled and memorable one throughout the Hopedale Schools. At the School Committee level, the pattern and number of meetings remained typical. At the May elections, John Bacon ran successfully to fill the seat vacated by Atty. Joseph Antonellis after six years of service to the Committee. Richard Martin was elected Chair for the 1996-97 school year, succeeding Leonard Garabedian.

In the schools, the year was anything but ordinary. At the Jr.-Sr. High School, interim Principal, Robert F. Pagnini welcomed students back following the summer resignation of Mr. Barry Cahill. Paul Thorp, a resident of Ashland and the former Head Master at Watertown High School was named Principal and assumed his duties in October. The school year also saw a significant change as the school shifted to the block schedule as part of its efforts to both improve instruction in grades 7-12 and comply with the requirements of the Education Reform Time and Learning initiatives.

At the elementary level, the long-awaited completion of the renovation and addition to Memorial School provided both excitement and disruption.

The Memorial School population was relocated to the Milford Armory for the first four months of the school year and we continued with students at Hartford Avenue. The move into our new elementary school was accompanied by some of winter's harshest weather on each occasion as we first brought the students back from the Armory and from Hartford Avenue and then from Park Street and, finally, the Kindergarten from the Jr.-Sr. High School to unite our elementary programs in one building for the first time in more than fifty years.

Coordinating the arrival of new furnishings, the movement of students, staff, and all of their equipment and furnishings, the construction and reconstruction of bus routes, daily schedules, and coordinating the provision of support services through these transitions was an enormous undertaking by all members of the staff and the student body alike.

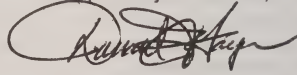
Following the moves, Park Street School began its new life as an Early Childhood Center with the inception of an after-school program. It is anticipated that the full range of pre school programs will be relocated there and expanded to use the entire Park Street School facility on a self-sustaining basis beginning in the fall of 1996.

The issues attending the physical facilities for our schools was improved substantially with the completion of the Memorial School project, but concerns remain for the condition of the Jr.-Sr. High School, particularly in comparison to the elementary facilities. Replacement windows were installed in the original building this year, but much-needed roof repairs and technology upgrade issues were postponed in the hopes that they would be able to be undertaken by the Building Committee, qualifying those expenditures for state reimbursement.

The population that began the discussions about the adequacy of school facilities enters the ninth grade at the Jr.-Sr. High School this year and threatens to exceed the school's capacity within the next two years. As the School Committee wrestles with the requirements of Education Reform, not the least among its concerns is the provision of appropriate, adequate space to continue the proud tradition that has been part of a Hopedale education.

We continue to be respectful of the obligation that we have to our young people and to our citizens while we continue our pride in the level of accomplishment that students' achievements and staff recognitions represent. We pledge our continued commitment to the belief that every child can learn successfully and to our obligation to provide for that learning in an environment that is appropriate and supportive to the needs of young people.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Donald A. Hayes", written over a large, loopy circular flourish.

Donald A. Hayes
Superintendent of Schools

ANNUAL REPORT
of the
BLACKSTONE VALLEY VOCATIONAL
REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
for the
Year Ended June 30, 1996

"...all genuine education
comes through
experience."

John Dewey
Experience & Education

From the Superintendent-
Director

The previous year was defined by major structural changes in the state's educational system - from the consolidation and redesign of the Board of Education to the gradual implementation of reform measures in schools throughout the state.

Valley Tech embraced these changes with vigor. Adopting a shared empowerment posture, we initiated a series of reforms, from restructuring of the academic delivery system to the lengthening of the school year to 185 days. With more time came better uses - 1995-96 marked the first full school year of block scheduling, integrated academic and vocational-technical programs and career clustering of students. By 1998, the number of instruction days will rise to 193 per year.

Valley Tech is a champion of reform and change, yet we have not forgotten some of our finer traditions and practices. School/business partnerships; education through community service; 100 percent of graduating seniors in jobs, colleges, the military; and a strong commitment to regional endeavors are just some of Valley Tech's defining

traditions to which we remain committed fully.

We enter a new year facing new challenges. Student-customer needs are far more diverse. Vocational-technical and academic teachers find themselves held to rigorous content and performance standards at district, state and national levels. Pressure on educational systems to demonstrate results is increasing.

Valley Tech will tackle these challenges with the same enthusiasm we have demonstrated in the past. Within our constantly improving organization we shall work together effectively as partners with vested and shared authority to contribute to decisions and yet accept accountability for results.

By combining our energy, resources and momentum, we shall meet our mission of quality vocational-technical education and academic training for our young people.

Dr. Michael F. Fitzpatrick
Superintendent-Director

ore time, better uses:
reforming the system

Expanding the school year by 5 instructional days enabled faculty and students to access more time to devote to classes. To give teachers the flexibility to use the new time creatively, the entire academic delivery system was restructured, allowing for longer classes, interdisciplinary projects and more active student participation.

Block Scheduling

A significant component of the restructuring effort was the adoption of a block scheduling format, breaking the day into two 110 minute classes and two more traditional length 55 minute classes for grades nine and ten. With block scheduling in place, instructors devoted more time to classes and to the individual student, increasing the opportunity for student success.

Framed within the block scheduling structure are initiatives which challenge previous approaches to education. Of these initiatives, clustering and integration proved central.

"Blackstone Valley Tech's work to implement time and learning initiatives is unprecedented for a vocational-technical school. This kind of local success should be recognized, and should be replicated statewide."

Dr. Robert V. Antonucci
Massachusetts
Commissioner of
Education,
September 12, 1995

Clustering

Valley Tech completed its first full year of clustering and integration. Clustering occurs mainly in two ways: clustering of students and clustering of classes. Students are clustered according to career interests, abilities and subject matter. A student majoring in drafting, for instance, is placed in a tech cluster with students possessing a similar technical background. Teachers in any class, whether mathematics or English, shape curriculum to draw on information and experiences relevant to that cluster of students.

The classes themselves are clustered according to their shared qualities. During the first semester, students take English and history classes during the large blocks. The second semester, students take mathematics and science. In each case, students focus a majority of their energies within an entire semester of one interrelated, integrated subject area.

Integration

Part and parcel of clustering is the concept of curriculum integration. Valley Tech strived to integrate all subject matter, creating a seamless web between academic disciplines and vocational-technical learning.

Science classes shifted to an applied learning approach with an emphasis on laboratory work. Applied learning using components recruited from both mathematics and vocational-technical areas is now the backbone of the department.

Instructors were encouraged to create initiatives which integrate academic and vocational-technical learning, drawing on all aspects of the Valley Tech experience to educate students creatively.

Professional Development

To help instructors make the transition to new ways of teaching, a 60 hour per instructor per year professional development standard was adopted by all staff.

Learning through partnership

In a world and workforce defined by rapid growth, it is impossible for publicly funded schools to keep the same pace as the private sector. The technological and programmatic development occurring in private businesses, industries, colleges and universities inevitably outstrips resources of schools. Yet students must learn the skills necessary to compete, and high school must be the starting point.

PROGRAMS

Air Conditioning,
Refrigeration, Heating &
Ventilation

Auto Body

Automotive Technology

Building and Property
Maintenance

Carpentry

Culinary Arts

Drafting

Electrical

Electronics

Graphic Arts

Health Services

Industrial Manufacturing &
Welding Technology

Maintenance & Repair
Services

Office Technology

Painting and Decorating

Plumbing

To help prepare students with limited funds, Valley Tech conducts a series of innovative programs which partner young people with over 200 businesses, human service providers, higher education institutions and the government, providing access to both human and technological resources otherwise out-of-reach.

Cooperative Education

Some 70 seniors participated in the cooperative education program, an initiative that links eligible seniors with area companies. While in co-op, students alternated between the classroom and the worksite, continuing their academic work while gaining valuable on-the-job training in local banks, hospitals and software companies.

Faculty/Employee Exchange

Valley Tech forged new connections with companies, initiating a faculty/employee exchange program. Faculty were "swapped" with employees from area companies. Valley Tech faculty taught classes at local businesses, allowing employees to brush up on academic skills, and company employees and managers taught at Valley Tech, exposing students - and instructors - to developments in the workforce.

General Advisory Committee

Valley Tech created new partnerships through the General Advisory Committee. The GAC is a group of area business and industry representatives who advise Valley Tech on program expansion, equipment purchases and curriculum development.

"As an organization with strong ties to the community, we realize that businesses and schools have a joint responsibility to educate young people."

Laura Bromwell
UniBank,
May 15, 1996

School to Careers Partnership

Valley Tech secured \$50,000 in federal funding to implement a regional school to career initiative involving 11 area school districts, local businesses, Chambers of Commerce, government agencies, parents and concerned citizens. With the funding in place, local partnership teams will initiate a series of programs aimed at helping young people better plan and prepare for careers. An additional \$450,000 is expected to be confirmed during FY 1997.

Tech Prep

The Tech Prep program is a blended academic and technical course of study, providing qualified students with the opportunity to earn college credits while still in high school by establishing links with colleges, universities and training centers. Valley Tech expanded its Tech Prep program to include partnerships with over 35 institutions.

Partnership spotlight

"The work of these students matches or exceeds the quality of commercial products out there. Working with ARIEM, Valley Tech students are creating materials of genuine benefit to their community and country."

Dr. Steven Gaffen
ARIEM Research Scientist
April 23, 1996

A significant new partnership was forged with the United States Army Research Institute of Environmental Medicine (ARIEM), Natick, giving students access to research scientists and state-of-the-art medical equipment. Working closely with scientists, students helped design and construct a cell perfusion chamber, a device used by cellular biologists to study environmental illness or injury.

Integrating elements of design, manufacturing, science and mathematics, the project challenged students to tap their potential, putting their existing knowledge to use while exposing them to new and exciting experiences.

"This was a great experience. We were given specifications for creating the cell chamber, but were allowed to modify the design, bringing in our own ideas to make it better. In the end, we made a quality product."

Bruce Smith
Grade 11
April 23, 1996

Learning through service

To prepare students for effective citizenship while providing them with practical experience in their fields, Valley Tech continuously engages in community service work projects within the district. The projects, ranging from the comprehensive renovation of town halls to the donation of hundreds of hours of volunteer time in elder care facilities, represent true partnership between school and community. In each instance, both the student and the community benefit from the experience.

Students helping students

A diverse group of Valley Tech students, from plumbing to health service majors, put their skills to use for the benefit of area youngsters. Culinary Arts students held a cooking exhibition for Miscoe Elementary students, who were learning about spices. Maintenance and Repair Services students constructed an environmental study dock for young people from the Woodland School in Milford, helping them collect samples from a local pond for science class. Members of the health services department donated time in local kindergartens, acting as student teachers to youngsters.

Students helping elders

Valley Tech students lent their time and talents to the elder community within the district. The Three Seasons Restaurant, a student and faculty operated on-campus facility, continued to be a popular lunch spot for area senior citizens, offering low-cost meals prepared and served by students. District elder care facilities also reaped benefits from Valley Tech students, drawing on technical resources for renovation projects and student volunteers for health service activities.

Students helping the community

Historically, Valley Tech has saved district towns over \$500,000 in design and labor costs by participating in a myriad of community service projects. Valley Tech continued this tradition, engaging in numerous renovation, construction and beautification projects for local municipalities.

"Valley Tech is committed to constant improvement - of the students, the faculty and staff, and the facility itself. We strive to make this school a better place to learn."

Jay P. Hanratty
School Committee Chairman
May 21, 1996

Improvement highlights

- Passed a \$7.4 million FY 1997 budget after an extensive informational outreach campaign executed by staff, school committee and school supporters.
- Completed emergency construction of 160 ft. section of the south wall of the school facility. Over 70 percent reimbursement is anticipated from the DOE.
- Participated for the second year in US First Robotics Competition in New Hampshire, a national robotics competition testing students' math, science and engineering skills. Valley Tech's performance improved by 50 percent.
- 9 percent increase in enrollment, bringing the total daytime student population to 882.
- VICA was once again a positive experience for students, who took home nine gold, silver and bronze medals from the state competitions. Two students were sent to the national competition in Kansas City in June.
- Installed state-of-the-art computer reading lab with 25 networked machines.
- 100 % placement of graduating seniors in jobs, the military, colleges and post-secondary employment and training programs.
- Continued to receive statewide recognition in reports and studies, including the Massachusetts Business Alliance of Education's (MBAE) education reform update and the DOE Report on Time and Learning.

- Held numerous symposiums, conferences and professional development sessions, maintaining the school's standing as a focal point for activity in the region.
- Held successful second annual Superintendent's Dinner, raising funds for technology.
- Held first annual staff appreciation picnic and first annual appreciation breakfast for bus drivers
- Adopted professional accountability standards for teachers and administrators.
- Held first annual Back-to-School Day, featuring local employers shadowing students for a day.
- Carried out summer works project, creating new classrooms, renovating shops and painting hallways and offices. Faculty, staff and student participation in design and labor saved the district some \$50,000.
- Hosted successful second annual sports and technology summer camp and first annual basketball camp for local youngsters.
- Initiated Summer Reading Renaissance Program which linked Valley Tech with 13 district libraries to engage area students in a summer reading program.
- Student council opened a school store, initiated a recycling program and held numerous fund raising and community service activities.
- Girls basketball and soccer teams won Colonial Athletic League title.
- Held Adult Education program featuring trade, practical art and college level courses.
- At the request of the Department of Education, shared Valley Tech student portfolio handbook to be used as a model for other school systems.

Funding The FY96 Net School Spending requirement for the Blackstone Valley Vocational Regional School District was \$5,700,009. This sum was funded predominately through Chapter 70 Aid of \$3,729,583 and Minimum Contribution requirements from the thirteen (13) member towns totalling \$1,970,427.

In the operation portion of the budget- but outside net school spending areas - the district had a budget of \$351,200 for transportation and \$32,181 for the acquisition of fixed assets. The total operation budget for the Blackstone Valley Vocational Regional School District was \$6,665,730.

In addition to the Minimum Contribution totaling \$1,970,427 the thirteen (13) member towns supported the transportation of the students with a transportation assessment of \$97,585 and the member towns supported fixed asset acquisition with an assessment of \$32,181. Additional assessment to the (13) member towns was \$429,487; Retiree Medical totalled \$110,000.

The Blackstone Valley Vocational Regional School District's debt obligation for FY96 was \$305,280. The debt obligation was funded by an assessment of the thirteen (13) member towns of \$305,280 which was allotted among the member towns in accordance with the District Agreement.

Grants Valley Tech supplemented its budget by securing additional funding sources, including local, state and federal grants. The grant monies allowed for quality initiatives at no cost to the district.

A total of \$381,715.00 was awarded to Valley Tech in FY 1996. The grants are as follows:

Expanding Reading Title I Distribution, \$18,951.00; Reading/Language Enhancement, \$60,970.00; Unified Media Project II, \$2,919.00; Health Grant, \$19,909.00; Time and Learning: Tech Education, \$9,332.00; Integration of Math in Voc Tech Ed, \$1,727.00; Addressing Substance Abuse, \$2,944.00; Perkins Tech Prep, \$3,500.00; Portfolio

Assessments, \$5,000.00; Blackstone Valley Chamber of Commerce: Project Grow, \$2,500.00; Blackstone Valley Chamber of Commerce: Mentoring Project, \$500.00; High Schools That Work, \$25,000.00; Perkins Improving Student Learning, \$132,964.00; School to Work, \$50,000.00; Math Study Group, \$3,000.00; Underground Storage Tank, \$42,499.00

Faculty and Staff Valley Tech continues to support a dedicated and talented cadre of professionals working together for the good of the students.

Current staff:

(1) Superintendent-Director (1) Assistant Superintendent; (6) Administrators; (36) Vocational instructors; (25) Academic teachers; (6) Special Education Teachers; (12) Paraprofessional/Instructional Aides; (1) Adjustment Counselor; (4) Guidance Counselors; (1) Library/Media Specialist; (2) School Nurses; (6) Custodial/Maintenance Personnel; (1) School Year Matron; (11) Food Service Personnel; (4) Full-time Secretaries; (6) Part-time Clerks; and (2) Business Office Specialists and a myriad of grant personnel.

New faculty and staff in FY96:

(1) World Language Teacher; (5) Teacher Aides; (1) Personal Care Attendant; (1) School to Careers Facilitator; (1) Computer Technology Analyst; (1) Cafeteria Worker; (1) MRS Adjustment Counselor/administrator; (1) Assistant Principal/Dean of

Governance Membership of the School Committee shifted when Uxbridge representative Peter Lynch resigned from the Board. Mr. Lynch, who was elected in 1994, was an active and vocal member of the school committee, serving on numerous subcommittees, and lending to the board a perspective based on years of professional experience in public education.

An interim representative will be appointed by the Uxbridge Board of Selectpersons and local School Committee members until the bi-annual state election in 1997.

Sharing a portion of the school's governance was the highly valued input of the elected School Council. The Council has met periodically throughout the year and they have concentrated on specific areas of concern including the design of the school improvement plan, refinement of the student handbook, professional development, community awareness and adoption of the school's budget. The School Council consists of the following:

Parents: Pamela Gallagher, Whitinsville; Raymond Quinn, Hopedale. Teachers: Joseph Yacino, Douglas; Lawrence Bonetti, Milford. Advisory Committee: John Gauvin, Sutton. BVVRSD Administrator: John LeBrun and William Mahoney. Student: Matthew Wall, Douglas.

Submitted respectfully,

Jay P. Hanratty, Chairman, Millbury
E. Kevin Harvey, Vice Chairman, Bellingham
Diane M. Paradis, Secretary, Grafton
Matthew C. Krajewski, Blackstone
Charles E. Randor, Douglas
Everett A. Young, Hopedale
John J. Knox, Mendon
Arthur E. Morin, Jr., Milford
Gerald M. Finn, Millville
Edward B. Postma, Northbridge
Mitchell A. Intinarelli, Sutton
Robert H. Snow, Upton
Peter L. Lynch, Uxbridge
Dr. Michael F. Fitzpatrick,
Superintendent-Director



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**BALANCE SHEET
JUNE 30, 1996**

GENERAL FUND (01)

ASSETS

Cash & Investments	610,708.90
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RECEIVABLES

Personal Property	18,061.57
Real Estate Tax	197,572.76
Motor Vehicle Tax	154,420.12
Tax Liens	1,568,299.27
Deferred Tax	10,630.24
Departmental	0.00

Total Assets	2,559,692.86
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LIABILITIES & FUND EQUITY

Accrued Payroll & Withholding	14,130.90
Provision for Abatements/Exemptions	305,670.50

Deferred Revenue	
Property Tax	(90,036.17)
Tax Liens	1,568,299.27
Property Tax Deferrals	10,630.24
Motor Vehicle Excise	154,420.12
Departmental	0.00

Reserve Fund Balance	
Petty Cash	220.00
Over/Under Assessments	(1,791.00)
For Encumbrances	35,000.00
Snow/Ice Deficit	(52,878.37)
Unreserved Fund Balance	616,027.37

Total Liabilities & Fund Equity	2,559,692.86
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WATER FUND (20)

ASSETS

Cash	151,969.59
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RECEIVABLES

Water User Charges	21,244.73
Water Service Charges	(352.46)

Total Assets	172,861.86
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LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE

Deferred Revenue	20,892.27
Fund Balance Reserved	141,969.59
For Encumbrances	10,000.00

Total Liabilities & Fund Equity	172,861.86
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SEWER FUND (21)

ASSETS

Cash	0.00
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RECEIVABLES

Sewer User Charges	24,808.24
Sewer Services	(66.30)
Sewer Betterment	(467.55)

Total Assets	24,274.39
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LIABILITIES & FUND EQUITY

Deferred Revenue	24,274.39
Fund Balance Reserved	0.00

Total Liabilities & Fund Equity	24,274.39
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SCHOOL LUNCH REVOLVING (22)

ASSETS

Cash-Restricted	33,930.30
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Total Assets	33,930.30
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LIABILITIES & FUND EQUITY

Fund Balance Reserved	33,930.30
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Total Liabilities & Fund Equity	33,930.30
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HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT FUND (23)

ASSETS

Cash-Restricted	0.00
Total Assets	0.00

LIABILITIES & FUND EQUITY

State Aid Anticipation Note	173,869.00
Fund Balance	(173,869.00)
Due From Commonwealth	
Ch.85 of Acts of 1994	(173,869.00)
Deferred Revenue/Intergovernmental	173,869.00
Total Liabilities & Fund Equity	0.00

SCHOOL FEDERAL GRANTS (FUND 24)

ASSETS

Cash - Restricted	56,192.45
Total Assets	56,192.45

LIABILITIES & FUND EQUITY

Fund Balance Reserved	
Title I	5,038.76
Title VI	7,999.44
Title IV - Project See	28,540.88
Chapter II Black Grant	1,429.34
Science For 90's	2,428.10
P.L. 89-313	5,893.20
Devel.Coop. Ed Strategies	3,580.14
Drug Free School Program	1,282.59
Total Liabilities & Fund Equity	56,192.45

SCHOOL STATE GRANTS (FUND 25)

ASSETS

Cash - Restricted	13,078.31
Total Assets	13,078.31

LIABILITIES & FUND EQUITY

Fund Balance Reserved	
Horace Mann	664.00
School Improvement	733.20
Per Pupil Ed	3,729.21
Comprehensive Health Ed	2,532.42
Ed. Tech. Comp Planning	0.34
Common Core	3,140.00
Curriculum Frame Work	2,093.00
Curriculum Study Group	82.52
Portfolio Assessmnt Program	4.15
Safe Schools	99.47
Total Liabilities & Fund Equity	13,078.31

TOWN FEDERAL GRANTS(FUND 26)

ASSETS

Cash-Restricted	100.00
Total Assets	100.00

LIABILITIES & FUND EQUITY

Fund Balance Reserved	
Committee On Criminal Justice	100.00
Total Liabilities & Fund Equity	100.00

TOWN STATE GRANTS (FUND 27)

ASSETS

Cash - Restricted	30,208.18
Total Assets	

LIABILITIES & FUND EQUITY

Fund Balance Reserved	
Council On Aging	448.08
Arts Lottery	6,929.88
Library Aid Grant	15,602.49
Dare Grant	174.72
Community Policing	3,879.96
Safe Fire Grant	2,258.05
Compost Bin Grant	915.00
Total Liabilities & Fund Equity	30,208.18

REVOLVING FUNDS (28)

ASSETS

Cash - Restricted	212,855.66
Total Assets	212,855.66

LIABILITIES & FUND EQUITY

Fund Balance Reserved	
School Music Fund	15,034.00
School Athletic Fund	0.08
Tuition Receipts	167,274.60
Police Forfeiture Fund	1,930.22
Tiffany Memorial Fund	327.87
Conservation Commission	4,768.97
School Rental Receipts	18,713.57
Lost Book Reimb.	2,623.33
Park Recreation	1,433.02
Town Cemetery	750.00
Total Liabilities & Fund Equity	212,855.66

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE (FUND 29)

ASSETS

Cash - Restricted	17,470.35
Total Assets	17,470.35

LIABILITIES & FUND EQUITY

Fund Balance Reserved	
D.A.R.E. Donations	3,366.17
Park Foundation Grant	5,697.53
Hopedale Birthday Comm.	1,469.73
Friends of Red Shop	582.89
Commission on Disabilities	100.00
Bill Francis Memorial Fund	2,573.17
Friends /Elementary School	420.60
Hopedale Foundation Grant/School	1,810.90
Marge Hattersley Memorial Fund	1,144.36
Police Building/Donations	305.00
Total Liabilities & Fund Equity	17,470.35

SCHOOL BUILDING FUND (33)

ASSETS

Cash - Restricted	13,291.89
Total Assets	13,291.89

LIABILITIES & FUND EQUITY

Bond Anticipation Note	0.00
Fund Balance Reserved	13,291.89
Total Liabilities & Fund Equity	13,291.89

POLICE BUILDING FUND (36)

ASSETS

Cash - Restricted	3,373.20
Total Assets	3,373.20

LIABILITIES & FUND EQUITY

Fund Balance Reserved	3,373.20
Total Liabilities & Fund Equity	3,373.20

NONEXPENDABLE TRUST FUNDS (81)

ASSETS

Cash & Investments	68,396.68
Total Assets	

LIABILITIES & FUND EQUITY

Fund Balance Reserved	
Daisy Dutcher	10,000.00
Park Dept. - Draper Park	1,754.32
Library Trust	56,270.92
Town Cemetery Trust	371.44
Total Liabilities & Fund Equity	68,396.68

EXPENDABLE TRUST FUNDS (82)

ASSETS

Cash & Investments	28,732.90
Total Assets	28,732.90

LIABILITIES & FUND EQUITY

Fund Balance Reserved	
Daisy Dutcher	7,568.80
Park Dept. - Draper Park	3,963.22
Library Trust	16,734.61
Town Cemetery Trust	363.78
Park Playground	102.49
Total Liabilities & Fund Balance	28,732.90

STABILIZATION FUND (83)

ASSETS

Cash & Investments	524,854.17
Total Assets	524,854.17

LIABILITIES & FUND EQUITY

Fund Balance Reserved	524,854.17
Total Liabilities & Fund Balance	524,854.17

AGENCY FUNDS (89)

ASSETS

Cash	39,668.00
Total Assets	39,668.00

LIABILITIES

Warrants & Accounts Payable	
Police Special Duty Detail	2,754.96
Planning Board	35,731.31
School Meals Tax	9.93
Sporting Licenses	1,171.80
Total Liabilities	39,668.00

LONG TERM DEBT FUND (90)

AMOUNT TO BE PROVIDED

Bonds Authorized	0.00
Bonds Authorized/Unissued	0.00
For Payment of Bonds	9,569,275.00

BONDS PAYABLE

Municipal Heating System	15,000.00
School Bus	17,500.00
Sewer Plant	1,231,775.00
Police Building	330,000.00
Fire Truck	185,000.00
Highway Equipment	90,000.00
Memorial School Building	7,700,000.00
Total Bonds Payable	9,569,275.00

REVENUE - FISCAL YEAR 1996

PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES	193,634.33
REAL ESTATE TAXES	4,808,156.51
TAX TITLES	113,653.98
MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE	473,151.06
INTEREST- PROPERTY TAXES	77,884.61
INTEREST -EXCISE TAXES	6,354.34
CHARGES FOR SERVICES	50,480.89
LICENSES & PERMITS	34,245.31
STATE REVENUE	2,178,232.34
FINES & FORFEITS	15,380.56
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE	28,629.06
EARNINGS ON INVESTMENTS	60,696.76
SALE OF WATER	268,973.09
WATER SERVICES	6,015.59
INTEREST ON WATER CHARGES	69.72
SEWER USE CHARGE	309,036.67
SEWER SERVICES	6,020.30
INTEREST ON SEWER CHARGES	115.58
 TOTAL REVENUE	 8,630,730.70

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NO	NAME	TITLE	ORIGINAL	SUPPLEMENTAL	TRANSFERS	EXPENDITURES	BALANCE
5300		PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL	35,000.00		55,000.00	69,060.05	20,939.95
111 DEPT		TOWN COUNSEL	35,000.00		55,000.00	69,060.05	20,939.95
5111		SALARIES ELECTED OFFICIALS	200.00				200.00
5300		PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL	50.00				50.00
5343		COMMUNICATIONS/REPORTS					
114 DEPT		TOWN MODERATOR	250.00				250.00
5111		SALARIES ELECTED OFFICIALS	2,700.00			2,700.00	
5343		COMMUNICATIONS/REPORTS	2,200.00			2,362.07	162.07-
5711		IN STATE TRAVEL/DUES/SEMINARS	1,200.00			921.06	278.94
5725		MERIT SERVICE AWARDS	200.00			56.74	143.26
122 DEPT		SELECTMEN	6,300.00			6,039.87	260.13
5110		SALARIES & WAGES PERMANENT	53,000.00			49,371.62	3,628.38
5130		ADDITIONAL GROSS, OVERTIME					
5190		OTHER PERSONAL SERVICES					
5300		PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL	7,100.00			5,048.91	2,051.09
5341		COMMUNICATIONS/TELEPHONE	4,400.00			3,504.12	895.88
5342		COMMUNICATIONS/POSTAGE	7,370.00			7,370.00	
5420		OFFICE	4,500.00			5,317.69	817.69-
5711		IN STATE TRAVEL/DUES/SEMINARS	600.00			349.84	250.16
123 DEPT		MANAGER	76,970.00			70,962.18	6,007.82
5343		COMMUNICATIONS/REPORTS	1,500.00			330.00	1,170.00
5420		OFFICE	1,500.00			1,347.95	152.05
131 DEPT		FINANCE COMMITTEE	3,000.00			1,677.95	1,322.05
5700		OTHERWISE UNCLASSIFIED	25,000.00		24,741.00-		259.00
132 DEPT		RESERVE FUND	25,000.00		24,741.00-		259.00
5110		SALARIES & WAGES PERMANENT	31,677.00			31,676.84	.16
5300		PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL	3,280.00			3,224.99	55.01
5301		ANNUAL TOWN AUDIT	12,500.00			12,500.00	
5711		IN STATE TRAVEL/DUES/SEMINARS	500.00			424.70	75.30
135 DEPT		ACCOUNTANT	47,957.00			47,026.53	130.47
5110		SALARIES & WAGES PERMANENT	42,300.00			35,407.75	6,892.25
5130		ADDITIONAL GROSS, OVERTIME					
5190		OTHER PERSONAL SERVICES	3,500.00			3,500.00	

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5240	REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE	150.00			496.50	346.50-
5300	PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL	9,000.00			8,842.00	157.20
5345	COMMUNICATIONS/DEEDS	300.00			9.50	290.50
5346	COMMUNICATIONS/COMPUTERS	4,200.00			3,595.00	605.00
5349	MAP UPDATING	1,000.00			960.00	40.00
5420	OFFICE	2,000.00			2,697.41	697.41-
5711	IN STATE TRAVEL/DUES/SEMINARS	1,200.00			1,222.71	22.71-
5850	ADDITIONAL EQUIPMENT					
141 DEPT	ASSESSORS	63,650.00			56,731.67	6,918.33
5110	SALARIES & WAGES PERMANENT	30,617.00			30,616.56	.44
5112	SALARIES & WAGES ASSISTANT	6,000.00			6,000.00	
5300	PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL	9,800.00			8,002.59	1,797.41
5302	BANK SERVICE FEES					
5303	PAYROLL	10,000.00			9,280.21	719.79
5304	TAX TITLE	6,240.00		4,000.00	7,706.47	2,533.53
5344	COMMUNICATIONS/TAX BILLS	2,100.00			2,007.33	92.67
5711	IN STATE TRAVEL/DUES/SEMINARS	500.00			172.50	327.50
5714	PETTY CASH	100.00				100.00
145 DEPT	TREASURER/COLLECTOR	65,357.00		4,000.00	63,785.66	5,571.34
5111	SALARIES ELECTED OFFICIALS	15,000.00			14,999.92	.08
5300	PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL	1,100.00			1,129.49	29.49-
5341	COMMUNICATIONS/TELEPHONE	480.00			678.91	198.91-
5420	OFFICE	600.00		750.00	630.23	719.77
5500	OTHER SUPPLIES	110.00			409.61	299.61-
5711	IN STATE TRAVEL/DUES/SEMINARS	350.00			369.85	19.85-
161 DEPT	CLERK	17,640.00		750.00	18,218.01	171.99
5110	SALARIES & WAGES PERMANENT	700.00		500.00	905.00	295.00
5420	OFFICE	1,130.00		1,200.00	1,994.77	335.23
162 DEPT	ELECTIONS	1,830.00		1,700.00	2,899.77	630.23
5110	SALARIES & WAGES PERMANENT	1,302.00			1,302.00	
5190	OTHER PERSONAL SERVICES	434.00			434.00	
163 DEPT	REGISTRATION	1,736.00			1,736.00	
5110	SALARIES & WAGES PERMANENT	200.00			200.00	
5300	PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL	200.00			200.00	
166 DEPT	PARKING CLERK	400.00			400.00	

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5780		OTHERWISE UNCLASSIFIED	2,150.00			110.00	2,032.00
171 DEPT		CONSERVATION COMMITTEE	2,150.00			110.00	2,032.00
5711		IN STATE TRAVEL/DUES/SEMINARS	1,000.00			60.00	940.00
5780		OTHERWISE UNCLASSIFIED				499.00	499.00-
175 DEPT		PLANNING BOARD	1,000.00			559.00	441.00
5347		COMMUNICATIONS/NOTICE	750.00			81.09	668.91
176 DEPT		ZONING BOARD	750.00			81.09	668.91
5580		OTHER SUPPLIES	2,500.00		2,500.00-		
189 DEPT		INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT CORP	2,500.00		2,500.00-		
5110		SALARIES & WAGES PERMANENT	5,702.00		25.00	5,726.80	.20
5190		OTHER PERSONAL SERVICES					
5211		ENERGY ELECTRIC	4,600.00			7,483.49	2,883.49-
5212		ENERGY HEAT FUEL	8,700.00			10,577.49	277.49-
5240		REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE	850.00		1,600.00	4,185.85	2,685.85-
5430		BUILDING REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	8,500.00		650.00	526.22	7,973.78
192 DEPT		PUBLIC BLDG - TOWN HALL	28,352.00		2,275.00	28,499.85	2,127.15
100		GENERAL GOVERNMENT	379,042.00		36,484.00	368,595.63	47,730.37

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ACCT		200	PUBLIC SAFETY			
NO	NAME TITLE	ORIGINAL	SUPPLEMENTAL	TRANSFERS	EXPENDITURES	BALANCE
5119	SALARIES & WAGES PERMANENT	334,615.00		9,000.00-	325,509.85	105.15
5122	SALARIES & WAGES DISPATCH					
5130	ADDITIONAL GROSS, OVERTIME	38,642.00			38,641.47	.53
5240	REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE	10,600.00			10,387.93	212.07
5300	PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL	8,565.00			8,397.74	167.26
5430	BUILDING REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE				14,700.00	300.00
5480	VEHICULAR	15,385.00			15,849.46	464.46-
5580	OTHER SUPPLIES	13,635.00		4,000.00	16,558.28	1,076.72
5711	IN STATE TRAVEL/DUES/SEMINARS	500.00			309.95	190.05
5850	ADDITIONAL EQUIPMENT	22,279.00			22,279.00	
210 DEPT	POLICE	444,221.00		5,000.00-	452,633.68	1,587.32
5110	SALARIES & WAGES PERMANENT	163,002.00		8,400.00-	153,886.40	715.60
5120	SALARIES & WAGES TEMPORARY	27,074.00			20,780.26	6,293.74
5130	ADDITIONAL GROSS, OVERTIME	42,400.00		6,000.00-	36,030.32	369.68
5190	OTHER PERSONAL SERVICES	400.00			260.86	139.14
5240	REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE	10,000.00			10,005.09	5.09-
5300	PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL	3,500.00			2,873.64	626.36
5580	OTHER SUPPLIES	3,140.00			2,410.10	729.90
5583	SCBA REPLACE/UPGRADE	3,000.00			2,770.22	229.78
5711	IN STATE TRAVEL/DUES/SEMINARS	1,516.00			1,349.50	166.50
5820	BUILDING EXPENSES	16,900.00		9,100.00	26,599.50	519.50-
5851	ALARM SERVICES	4,950.00			4,845.36	104.64
5853	NEW EQUIPMENT	5,800.00		10,000.00	5,878.14	9,921.86
220 DEPT	FIRE	281,682.00		4,780.00	267,689.39	10,772.61
5144	POLICE DETAIL SALARIES	5,000.00			4,124.25	875.75
225 DEPT	TOWN POLICE DETAIL	5,000.00			4,124.25	875.75
5110	SALARIES & WAGES PERMANENT	8,400.00			8,400.00	
5420	OFFICE	1,700.00		90.00	1,616.09	173.91
5711	IN STATE TRAVEL/DUES/SEMINARS	500.00			664.00	164.00-
241 DEPT	BUILDING INSPECTOR	10,600.00		90.00	10,680.09	9.91
5110	SALARIES & WAGES PERMANENT	1,500.00		90.00-	1,156.00	254.00
243 DEPT	PLUMBING INSPECTOR	1,500.00		90.00-	1,156.00	254.00
5110	SALARIES & WAGES PERMANENT	1,500.00			1,088.00	412.00
245 DEPT	ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR	1,500.00			1,088.00	412.00
5210	ENERGY	80.00				80.00

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5500		OTHER SUPPLIES	100.00			
5711		IN STATE TRAVEL/DUES/SEMINARS	65.00			
5715		TRAINING	500.00			
5700		OTHERWISE UNCLASSIFIED	50.00			
5050		ADDITIONAL EQUIPMENT	600.00			950.00
291 DEPT		CIVIL DEFENSE	1,395.00			950.00
5110		SALARIES & WAGES PERMANENT	3,400.00			3,241.32
5500		OTHER SUPPLIES	2,730.00			2,385.45
5730		DUES & SUBSCRIPTIONS				12.00
5050		ADDITIONAL EQUIPMENT				331.57
292 DEPT		DOG OFFICER	6,130.00			5,970.34
5111		SALARIES ELECTED OFFICIALS	600.00			600.00
5190		OTHER PERSONAL SERVICES	7,400.00		1,800.00	10,040.00
5460		GROUNDKEEPING	900.00			185.00
5500		OTHER SUPPLIES	100.00			5.00
5711		IN STATE TRAVEL/DUES/SEMINARS	50.00			20.00
294 DEPT		FORESTRY-TREE PLANTING	9,050.00		1,800.00	10,050.00
5190		OTHER PERSONAL SERVICES	100.00			100.00
295 DEPT		FORESTRY-PEST CONTROL	100.00			100.00
5190		OTHER PERSONAL SERVICES	750.00			750.00
296 DEPT		FORESTRY-DUTCH ELN	750.00			750.00
200		PUBLIC SAFETY	761,936.00		1,580.00	755,991.75
						22,524.25

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NO	NAME	TITLE	ORIGINAL	SUPPLEMENTAL	TRANSFERS	EXPENDITURES	BALANCE
5110		SALARIES & WAGES PERMANENT	5,688.00			6,017.74	329.74-
5300		PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL	6,550.00			7,150.00	600.00-
5420		OFFICE	1,840.00			1,911.48	71.48-
5711		IN STATE TRAVEL/DUES/SEMINARS	2,650.00			1,652.00	998.00
310 DEPT		SCHOOL COMMITTEE	16,720.00			16,731.22	3.22-
5110		SALARIES & WAGES PERMANENT	130,004.00			137,090.47	6,206.47-
5300		PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL	5,300.00			13,058.40	8,558.40-
5420		OFFICE	3,952.00			5,058.81	1,906.81-
5711		IN STATE TRAVEL/DUES/SEMINARS	3,840.00			2,104.37	1,735.63
320 DEPT		SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE	143,976.00			150,912.05	14,936.05-
5110		SALARIES & WAGES PERMANENT	213,396.00			199,140.13	14,247.87
5300		PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL	4,000.00			2,700.62	1,299.38
5510		EDUCATIONAL	9,554.00			11,400.60	1,846.60-
5711		IN STATE TRAVEL/DUES/SEMINARS	7,073.00			5,627.07	1,445.93
322 DEPT		PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE	294,023.00			210,076.42	15,146.58
5110		SALARIES & WAGES PERMANENT	2,907,254.00			2,969,027.63	62,573.63-
5300		PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL	72,636.00			74,435.11	1,799.11-
5510		EDUCATIONAL	61,901.00			55,168.13	6,732.87
5711		IN STATE TRAVEL/DUES/SEMINARS	7,505.00			15,251.03	7,746.03-
323 DEPT		INSTRUCTION	3,049,296.00			3,114,602.70	65,306.70-
5300		PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL					
5510		EDUCATIONAL	14,962.00			19,072.90	4,910.90-
324 DEPT		TEXTBOOKS	14,962.00			19,072.90	4,910.90-
5110		SALARIES & WAGES PERMANENT	81,749.00			61,903.24	19,765.76
5300		PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL	3,913.00			30.00	3,083.00
5510		EDUCATIONAL	7,164.00			4,424.00	2,739.20
5711		IN STATE TRAVEL/DUES/SEMINARS	665.00			275.90	389.10
325 DEPT		LIBRARY	93,491.00			66,713.94	26,777.06
5110		SALARIES & WAGES PERMANENT	1,717.00			1,711.00	6.00
5510		EDUCATIONAL	13,732.00			5,757.05	7,974.95
5711		IN STATE TRAVEL/DUES/SEMINARS	2,500.00			1,700.00	800.00
326 DEPT		AUDIO/VISUAL	17,949.00			9,168.05	8,780.95
5110		SALARIES & WAGES PERMANENT	145,197.00			150,012.36	4,815.36-

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5300	PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL	50.00				50.00
5510	EDUCATIONAL	2,797.00			760.35	2,036.65
5711	IN STATE TRAVEL/DUES/SEMINARS	600.00			519.51	80.49
327 DEPT	GUIDANCE	148,644.00			151,292.22	2,648.22-
5300	PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL	16,500.00			16,538.40	38.40-
328 DEPT	PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES	16,500.00			16,538.40	38.40-
5110	SALARIES & WAGES PERMANENT	36,689.00			33,438.68	3,250.32
5300	PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL	440.00			272.00	168.00
5510	EDUCATIONAL	1,000.00			895.67	104.33
5711	IN STATE TRAVEL/DUES/SEMINARS	425.00			70.16	354.84
332 DEPT	HEALTH SERVICES	38,554.00			34,676.51	3,877.49
5110	SALARIES & WAGES PERMANENT	98,660.00			83,876.73	14,783.27
5300	PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL	46,050.00			51,979.59	5,929.59-
5400	VEHICULAR	15,400.00			9,563.50	5,836.50
5510	EDUCATIONAL	5,600.00			2,667.06	2,932.94
5711	IN STATE TRAVEL/DUES/SEMINARS	650.00			71.70	578.30
5713	VEHICLE REPLACEMENT				200.00-	200.00
333 DEPT	TRANSPORTATION SERVICES	166,360.00			147,958.58	18,401.42
5110	SALARIES & WAGES PERMANENT	1,000.00				1,000.00
334 DEPT	FOOD SERVICES	1,000.00				1,000.00
5110	SALARIES & WAGES PERMANENT	24,573.00			21,520.00	3,053.00
5300	PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL	20,714.00			21,821.23	1,107.23-
5510	EDUCATIONAL	14,490.00			11,604.18	2,885.82
5711	IN STATE TRAVEL/DUES/SEMINARS	2,267.00			2,572.48	385.48-
335 DEPT	ATHLETICS	62,044.00			57,517.89	4,526.11
5110	SALARIES & WAGES PERMANENT	24,294.00			18,678.75	5,615.25
5300	PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL	2,095.00			2,247.02	152.02-
5510	EDUCATIONAL	4,350.00			347.46	4,002.54
5711	IN STATE TRAVEL/DUES/SEMINARS	700.00			530.30	169.70
336 DEPT	STUDENT ACTIVITIES	31,439.00			21,803.53	9,635.47
5110	SALARIES & WAGES PERMANENT	143,575.00			145,607.61	2,032.61-
5300	PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL	5,551.00			8,619.69	3,068.69-
5410	ENERGY	117,246.00			72,914.76	44,291.24

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ACCT		300	EDUCATION			
NO	NAME TITLE	ORIGINAL	SUPPLEMENTAL	TRANSFERS	EXPENDITURES	BALANCE
5510	EDUCATIONAL	14,559.00			13,909.66	569.34
341 DEPT	BUILDING OPERATIONS	200,891.00			241,131.72	39,759.20
5300	PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL	27,000.00			31,966.53	4,966.53-
5510	EDUCATIONAL					
342 DEPT	BUILDING MAINTENANCE	27,000.00			31,966.53	4,966.53-
5300	PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL	14,675.00			23,423.78	8,748.78-
343 DEPT	EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE	14,675.00			23,423.78	8,748.78-
5050	ADDITIONAL EQUIPMENT	50,000.00			71,920.00	21,920.00-
344 DEPT	MAINTENANCE REPAIRS	50,000.00			71,920.00	21,920.00-
5300	PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL	6,000.00			23,335.87	17,335.87-
353 DEPT	RENTAL OF FACILITIES	6,000.00			23,335.87	17,335.87-
5050	ADDITIONAL EQUIPMENT	3,755.00			12,500.03	8,033.03-
373 DEPT	NEW EQUIPMENT	3,755.00			12,500.03	8,033.03-
5050	ADDITIONAL EQUIPMENT	825.00			1,050.79	1,025.79-
374 DEPT	REPLACEMENT OF EQUIPMENT	825.00			1,050.79	1,025.79-
5300	PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL	232,160.00			110,027.52	122,132.40
390 DEPT	TUITION	232,160.00			110,027.52	122,132.40
5300	PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL	2,000.00			100,007.45	98,007.45-
391 DEPT	TUITION-COLLABORATIVE	2,000.00			100,007.45	98,007.45-
300	EDUCATION	4,652,272.00			4,651,076.90	395.10

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NO	NAME	TITLE	ORIGINAL	SUPPLEMENTAL	TRANSFERS	EXPENDITURES	BALANCE
5110		SALARIES & WAGES PERMANENT	120,407.00			119,626.30	780.70
5111		SALARIES ELECTED OFFICIALS	1,400.00			1,400.00	
5130		ADDITIONAL GROSS, OVERTIME	4,635.00		1,000.00	5,053.75	581.25
5190		OTHER PERSONAL SERVICES	900.00			900.00	
5240		REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE	30,625.00			30,370.67	254.33
5290		OTHER PROPERTY-RELATED SERVICE	6,663.00			4,477.10	2,185.90
5292		TRAFFIC SIGNS	2,000.00			1,961.31	38.69
5300		OTHER PURCHASED SERVICES	2,700.00			2,700.00	
5460		GROUNDSKEEPING	1,000.00			983.87	16.13
5480		VEHICULAR	6,663.00		1,000.00	10,539.98	2,876.90-
5535		CHAPTER 90 TOWN FUNDS	15,000.00			14,700.91	299.09
5580		OTHER SUPPLIES	2,000.00			1,677.23	322.77
5711		IN STATE TRAVEL/DUES/SEMINARS	700.00			660.40	39.60
5850		ADDITIONAL EQUIPMENT	32,025.00			32,266.67	241.67-
5855		V-BODY SANDER				9,316.00	
422 DEPT		HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENAN	226,718.00		2,000.00	236,634.19	1,399.81
5130		ADDITIONAL GROSS, OVERTIME	10,000.00			25,929.99	15,929.99-
5240		REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE	10,000.00			17,492.08	7,492.08-
5291		SNOW REMOVAL/CONTRACT SERVICE	8,000.00			22,163.55	14,163.55-
5293		SAND & SALT	24,000.00			39,292.75	15,292.75-
423 DEPT		HIGHWAY/SNOW & ICE	52,000.00			104,078.37	52,078.37-
5210		ENERGY	39,400.00			35,824.67	3,575.33
424 DEPT		STREET LIGHTING	39,400.00			35,824.67	3,575.33
5110		SALARIES & WAGES PERMANENT	950.00			475.00	475.00
5460		GROUNDSKEEPING	1,200.00			1,300.00	100.00-
491 DEPT		CEMETERY	2,150.00			1,775.00	375.00
400		PUBLIC WORKS AND FACILITIES	320,268.00		2,000.00	379,112.23	47,528.23-

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ACCT		500 HUMAN SERVICES				
NO	NAME TITLE	ORIGINAL	SUPPLEMENTAL	TRANSFERS	EXPENDITURES	BALANCE
5110	SALARIES & WAGES PERMANENT	6,600.00			6,600.00	
5111	SALARIES ELECTED OFFICIALS	1,400.00			1,400.00	
5190	OTHER PERSONAL SERVICES	300.00				300.00
5193	TESTING OF POND/WELL WATER	250.00				250.00
5290	OTHER PROPERTY-RELATED SERVICE	230,000.00		15,000.00-	204,707.34	10,292.66
5300	PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL	2,000.00			10,247.50	8,247.50-
5341	COMMUNICATIONS/TELEPHONE	500.00			571.10	71.10-
5348	COMMUNICATIONS/PRINTING	500.00			250.78	249.22
5500	OTHER SUPPLIES	475.00			520.83	45.83-
5711	IN STATE TRAVEL/DUES/SEMINARS	500.00			150.00	350.00
511 DEPT	HEALTH OFFICER	242,525.00		15,000.00-	224,447.55	3,077.45
5110	SALARIES & WAGES PERMANENT	17,230.00		2,869.00-	14,360.35	.65
5210	ENERGY	600.00			439.91	160.09
5350	RECREATIONAL	2,342.00			2,143.23	198.77
5380	OTHER PURCHASED SERVICES	6,000.00		7,210.00	12,499.75	710.25
5500	OTHER SUPPLIES	1,593.00			1,628.66	35.66-
5711	IN STATE TRAVEL/DUES/SEMINARS	900.00			979.48	79.48-
541 DEPT	COUNCIL ON AGING	28,665.00		4,341.00	32,051.38	954.62
5110	SALARIES & WAGES PERMANENT	2,385.00			2,384.16	.84
5770	VETERANS' BENEFITS	10,000.00		5,000.00-	4,156.14	843.86
543 DEPT	VETERANS	12,385.00		5,000.00-	6,540.30	844.70
5347	COMMUNICATIONS/NOTICE					
5711	IN STATE TRAVEL/DUES/SEMINARS	200.00				200.00
549 DEPT	COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES	200.00				200.00
500	HUMAN SERVICES	283,775.00		15,659.00-	263,039.23	5,076.77

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ACCT		600 CULTURE AND RECREATION				
NO	NAME TITLE	ORIGINAL	SUPPLEMENTAL	TRANSFERS	EXPENDITURES	BALANCE
5110	SALARIES & WAGES PERMANENT	69,007.00			68,481.92	605.08
5210	ENERGY	9,500.00			9,500.00	
5240	REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE	7,400.00			7,400.00	
5300	PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL	140.00			140.00	
5510	EDUCATIONAL	21,982.00			21,910.47	71.53
5580	OTHER SUPPLIES	1,800.00			1,071.53	71.53-
5850	ADDITIONAL EQUIPMENT				21,891.34	
610 DEPT	LIBRARY	109,909.00			131,195.26	605.08
5110	SALARIES & WAGES PERMANENT	12,356.00			12,356.00	
5111	SALARIES ELECTED OFFICIALS	800.00			763.10	36.90
5190	OTHER PERSONAL SERVICES	1,660.00			1,651.08	8.92
5192	WEED CONTROL	4,000.00			4,000.00	
5210	ENERGY	1,500.00			1,173.13	326.87
5240	REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE	4,000.00			3,965.22	34.78
5500	OTHER SUPPLIES	1,110.00			1,039.31	70.69
5870	REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT	2,700.00			2,692.59	7.41
650 DEPT	PARKS	20,126.00			27,640.43	485.57
5420	OFFICE	500.00				500.00
690 DEPT	HISTORICAL DOCUMENT COMM.	500.00				500.00
5211	ENERGY ELECTRIC					
5420	OFFICE	400.00				400.00
5580	OTHER SUPPLIES					
691 DEPT	HISTORICAL COMMITTEE	400.00				400.00
5350	RECREATIONAL	1,000.00			799.28	200.72
692 DEPT	MEMORIAL DAY	1,000.00			799.28	200.72
5780	OTHERWISE UNCLASSIFIED	600.00			600.00	
693 DEPT	RED SHOP	600.00			600.00	
5350	RECREATIONAL	2,261.00			2,220.00	41.00
699 DEPT	COUNCIL ON ARTS	2,261.00			2,220.00	41.00
600	CULTURE AND RECREATION	142,796.00			162,454.97	2,232.37

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ACCT		700 DEBT SERVICE				
NO	NAME TITLE	ORIGINAL	SUPPLEMENTAL	TRANSFERS	EXPENDITURES	BALANCE
5909	HIGHWAY EQUIP PRINCIPAL	25,000.00			25,000.00	
5910	POLICE BLDG PRINCIPAL	69,000.00			69,000.00	
5911	MUNICIPAL HTMG FACILITY PRINC	15,000.00			15,000.00	
5912	SCHOOL BUSES PRINCIPAL	17,500.00			17,500.00	
5913	FIRE TRUCK PRINCIPAL	65,000.00			65,000.00	
5914	SEWER BOND INTEREST					
710 DEPT	RETIREMENT OF DEBT	191,500.00			191,500.00	
5916	MUNICIPAL HEATING FACILITY INT	1,500.00			1,500.00	
5917	SCHOOL BUSES INTEREST	1,038.00			1,225.00	613.00
5918	FIRE TRUCK INTEREST	15,000.00			13,285.00	1,715.00
5920	HIGHWAY EQUIP. INTEREST	6,900.00			7,052.50	152.50-
5921	POLICE BLDG INTEREST	19,140.00		370.00	19,510.00	
5922	SCHOOL BUILDING INTEREST			202,428.00	202,370.00	58.00
751 DEPT	INTEREST ON LONG TERM DEBT	44,378.00		202,798.00	244,942.50	2,233.50
5925	TAX ANTICIPATION LOAN					
5926	SHORT TERM INTEREST	222,000.00		109,428.00-	110,573.14	1,998.86
752 DEPT	INTEREST ON SHORT TERM DEBT	222,000.00		109,428.00-	110,573.14	1,998.86
700	DEBT SERVICE	457,878.00		93,370.00	547,015.64	4,232.36

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ACCT		000	INTERGOVERNMENTAL			
NO	NAME TITLE	ORIGINAL	SUPPLEMENTAL	TRANSFERS	EXPENDITURES	BALANCE
5631	SPECIAL EDUCATION					
5634	MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE					
5639	MOSQUITO CONTROL	6,164.00			6,375.00	211.00-
5640	POLLUTION CONTROL	1,132.00			1,132.00	
5646	RHV NON-RENEWAL SURCHARGE				1,500.00	1,500.00-
5647	DIESEL FUEL TAX					
824 DEPT	STATE ASSESSMENTS	7,296.00			9,007.00	1,791.00-
5621	COUNTY TAX	7,043.00			7,043.29	.29-
5623	COUNTY RETIREMENT ASSESSMENT	162,388.00			162,388.00	
5624	PRIOR YEARS ASSESSMENTS					
830 DEPT	COUNTY ASESMENTS	169,431.00			169,431.29	.29-
5730	DUES & SUBSCRIPTIONS	30,477.00			30,477.00	
845 DEPT	BLACKSTONE VLY REG. SCHOOL DIS	30,477.00			30,477.00	
5730	DUES & SUBSCRIPTIONS	966.39			966.39	
847 DEPT	CENTRAL MASS.REG.PANNING DIST	966.39			966.39	
5783	ELDER VOUCHER CREDITS	8,000.00			7,000.00	1,000.00
848 DEPT	ELDER ADATENENT PROGRAM	8,000.00			7,000.00	1,000.00
5780	OTHERWISE UNCLASSIFIED	75,000.00		75,000.00-		
850 DEPT	STABILIZATION	75,000.00		75,000.00-		
800	INTERGOVERNMENTAL	291,170.39		75,000.00-	216,961.60	791.29-

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ACCT		900	MISCELLANEOUS			
NO	NAME TITLE	ORIGINAL	SUPPLEMENTAL	TRANSFERS	EXPENDITURES	BALANCE
5700	OTHERWISE UNCLASSIFIED	15,000.00			14,349.12	650.88
911 DEPT	RETIREMENT	15,000.00			14,349.12	650.88
5170	FRINGE BEDEFITS, ON BEHALF ENPL	5,000.00		11,500.00	14,645.87	1,854.13
912 DEPT	WORKERS COMPENSATION	5,000.00		11,500.00	14,645.87	1,854.13
5170	FRINGE BEDEFITS, ON BEHALF ENPL	5,000.00		7,800.00	12,063.48	736.52
913 DEPT	UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION	5,000.00		7,800.00	12,063.48	736.52
5170	FRINGE BEDEFITS, ON BEHALF ENPL	35,190.00		6,500.00	41,690.00	
914 DEPT	MEDICARE	35,190.00		6,500.00	41,690.00	
5740	INSURANCE PREMIUMS	450,806.00		7,575.00	466,140.87	240.13
915 DEPT	HEALTH AND LIFE INSURANCE	450,806.00		7,575.00	466,140.87	240.13
5741	MEDICARE EMPLOYEE DEDUCTIONS					
5742	REFUNDS REAL ESTATE					
5743	REFUNDS PERSONAL PROPERTY					
5744	REFUNDS MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE					
5745	REFUNDS OTHER					
5746	EMPLOYEE DEDUCTION CTY RET.			104,892.45	131,169.37	266.33
5747	GROUP INS. EMPLOYEE'S			134,953.90	151,104.42	11,946.76
5748	GROUP INS. RETIRED					
5749	PREPAID VACATIONS					
5750	DEPUTY COLLECTOR FEE					
5752	DEFERRED COMPENSATION			29,472.13	34,236.86	1,917.01
916 DEPT	REFUNDS			269,318.40	316,590.65	14,130.90
5740	INSURANCE PREMIUMS	75,000.00		3,009.00	74,474.40	4,330.60
945 DEPT	LIABILITY INSURANCE	75,000.00		3,009.00	74,474.40	4,330.60
5700	OTHERWISE UNCLASSIFIED			9,265.00	9,264.02	.98
940 DEPT	PRIOR YEAR OILS			9,265.00	9,264.02	.98
900	MISCELLANEOUS	593,996.00		315,767.40	949,214.41	21,952.14
1	GENERAL FUND	7,083,933.39		350,542.40	8,294,262.44	55,823.84

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5110		SALARIES & WAGES PERMANENT	83,594.00			83,593.80	.20
5111		SALARIES ELECTED OFFICIALS	700.00			700.00	
5130		ADDITIONAL GROSS, OVERTIME	11,800.00			9,529.51	2,270.49
5190		OTHER PERSONAL SERVICES	15,000.00			13,564.80	1,435.20
5194		GENERAL OFFICE	3,168.00		3,168.00-		
5210		ENERGY	26,790.00			33,238.73	6,448.73-
5300		PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL	7,000.00			8,106.97	1,106.97-
5313		TESTING/REGULATIONS	9,000.00			3,543.25	5,456.75
5342		COMMUNICATIONS/POSTAGE	1,665.00			1,665.00	
5380		OTHER PURCHASED SERVICES	1,000.00			710.30	289.70
5411		ENERGY/WATER	55,000.00			45,423.16	9,576.84
5412		ENERGY/CHEMICALS	17,500.00			16,532.98	967.02
5430		BUILDING REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	22,500.00			18,558.26	3,941.74
5480		VEHICULAR	3,000.00			2,782.67	217.33
5711		IN STATE TRAVEL/DUES/SEMINARS	1,500.00			1,473.40	26.60
5740		INSURANCE PREMIUMS	15,000.00		3,889.00-	9,000.00	2,191.00
5830		PLANT	10,000.00				10,000.00
5852		HYDRANT STAND BY	9,350.00			9,316.32	33.68
5870		REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT					
5890		CAPITAL PROJECTS	10,000.00				10,000.00
W50 DEPT		WATER	303,567.00		6,977.00-	257,739.15	38,850.85
400		PUBLIC WORKS AND FACILITIES	303,567.00		6,977.00-	257,739.15	38,850.85
20		WATER	303,567.00		6,977.00-	257,739.15	38,850.85

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5110		SALARIES & WAGES PERMANENT	83,594.00			62,320.92	21,273.08
5111		SALARIES ELECTED OFFICIALS	700.00			700.00	
5130		ADDITIONAL GROSS, OVERTIME	10,600.00			9,326.01	1,273.99
5190		OTHER PERSONAL SERVICES	24,000.00			32,677.81	8,677.81-
5194		GENERAL OFFICE					
5210		ENERGY	53,000.00			45,571.19	7,428.81
5300		PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL	5,000.00			13,960.29	8,960.29-
5342		COMMUNICATIONS/POSTAGE	1,660.00			1,660.00	
5380		OTHER PURCHASED SERVICES	1,500.00			2,000.21	500.21-
5383		COMPOSTING	60,000.00			59,376.00	624.00
5412		ENERGY/CHEMICALS	23,000.00			24,063.59	1,063.59-
5430		BUILDING REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	25,000.00			10,952.57	14,047.43
5480		VEHICULAR	5,000.00			2,389.72	2,610.28
5501		MILFORD CONNECTIONS					
5711		IN STATE TRAVEL/DUES/SEMINARS	1,000.00			1,210.50	210.50-
5740		INSURANCE PREMIUMS				995.99	995.99-
5850		ADDITIONAL EQUIPMENT					
5890		CAPITAL PROJECTS	25,000.00				25,000.00
440 DEPT		SEWER	319,054.00			267,204.80	51,849.20
400		PUBLIC WORKS AND FACILITIES	319,054.00			267,204.80	51,849.20

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700 DEBT SERVICE

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5914		SEWER BOND INTEREST	63,870.00			63,870.00	
5919		SEWER BOND PRINCIPAL	45,625.00			45,625.00	
710 DEPT		RETIREMENT OF DEBT	109,495.00			109,495.00	
700		DEBT SERVICE	109,495.00			109,495.00	
21		SEWER	428,549.00			376,699.80	51,849.20

Report of the Tax Collector

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Balances as of 6/30/96

Personal Property Taxes

Fiscal 1991	82.64	
Fiscal 1992	693.94	
Fiscal 1993	3438.85	
Fiscal 1994	4144.56	
Fiscal 1995	3363.98	
Fiscal 1996	<u>6450.83</u>	
		<u>\$ 18,174.80</u>

Real Estate Taxes

Prior Years	3260.42	
Fiscal 1991	4462.44	
Fiscal 1992	-1602.74	
Fiscal 1993	3138.03	
Fiscal 1994	3896.92	
Fiscal 1995	22486.58	
Fiscal 1996	161918.98	<u>\$ 197,560.63</u>

Tax Title Accounts	<u>\$1,551,059.33</u>
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Motor Vehicle Excise

Prior Years	37692.72	
1991	2656.39	
1992	3382.27	
1993	9040.59	
1994	16890.23	
1995	20804.65	
1996	63953.27	<u>\$ 154,420.12</u>

Report of the Town Treasurer

Fiscal 1996

Stabilization Fund

Balance 7/01/95		\$500,388.23
Transfers In	+	75,000.00
Transfer Out	-	70,884.00
Interest Earned	+	<u>20,349.94</u>
Balance 6/30/96		<u>\$524,854.17</u>

Trust Funds

	Interest Income
Daisy Dutcher Part Trust	925.80
Library Trust	3,529.71
Park Trust	112.44
Cemetery	<u>23.32</u>
Total Trust Fund Interest	<u>\$ 4,591.27</u>

Treasurer's Interest on General Fund Accounts

Bay Bank	18941.77
Fleet Bank	18419.93
Citizens Bank	456.46
State Street Bank	23488.10
Total General Fund Interest	<u>\$61,306.26</u>

TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT OF OUTSTANDING DEBT

	Years Remaining	Original Amount	Outstanding 07/01/95	Principal Paid	Interest Paid	Outstanding 06/30/95
Farmer's Home Admin. Municipal Heating	1	300,000	30,000	15,000	1,500	15,000
Fleet Bank of Mass School Buses	1	88,000	35,000	17,500	1,838	17,500
Farmer's Home Admin. Sewer Bond #92-03	27	1,000,000	700,000	25,000	35,000	675,000
Sewer Bond #92-05	27	824,900	577,400	20,625	28,870	556,775
Bay Bank Police Building	4	319,000	319,000	69,000	19,510	250,000
State Street Bank Highway Trucks	4	80,000	0	0	0	80,000
Dain Bosworth (Purchaser) School Project	4	115,000	115,000	25,000	6,440	90,000
Bay Bank Fire Trucks	18	7,700,000	0	0	202,370	7,700,000
	3	250,000	250,000	65,000	13,285	185,000
			Total Outstanding Long Term Debt:			9,569,275

SHORT TERM DEBT	RATE	Amount of BAN*
State Aid Anticipation Notes Highway Due 12/20/96	3.84%	173,869
Total Outstanding Short Term Debt:		173,869

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Moody's Municipal Credit Report

Hopedale, Massachusetts

November 8, 1995

New Issue Update

General Obligation/Special Tax

Moody's rating: A

credit comment: An initial rating of **A** has been assigned to the general obligation debt of the Town of Hopedale. Following are the key factors in the rating decision. Hopedale is a small, primarily residential community with above average wealth levels.

The town is located near Worcester and within commuting distance of the Boston metropolitan area. Because of the limited opportunities provided by the town's small economic base, many residents commute to these cities for work. Wealth levels, on the whole, exceed those of the state and nation. Unemployment has been below state and national averages in recent years.

Financial operations are satisfactory.

After a period of difficulty during the past recession, the town's finances have improved and are now in satisfactory shape. Contributing factors have been a

new, and conservative, fiscal management team and a stabilized tax base. Total operating reserves, including the Stabilization Fund, represent about 10% of General Fund revenues. A growing taxing margin, within the limits of Proposition 2½, has added to the town's financial flexibility.

Debt remains manageable.

The town's debt levels remain below comparable medians, in part because of state reimbursement for 71% of the current issue, and the self-supporting nature of sewer debt. Proceeds of this issue will be used to finance an addition to an elementary school. With this expansion, the school system's capacity problems should be solved for the near future. No further borrowing is expected through the next five years.

This update supplements the Credit Comment published in *Moody's Rating Recap* on November 2. The update was prepared in conjunction with the Novem-

ber 7, 1995 sale of \$7,700,000 General Obligation Bonds, Series 1995.

key facts:	Debt Burden:	3.1%/ □ 1.1%	Full Value per Capita, 1995:	47,819
	Payout, Ten Years:	52.1%	Median Family Income as % of,	
	General Fund Balance as % of		State:	115.2%
	General Fund Revenues, FY 1995:	5.3%	U.S.:	145.1%
	Property Taxes as % of		% Residents Below Poverty Level:	3.0%
	Revenues, FY 1995:	65.3%	Per Capita Income as % of,	
	Average Annual Decline A.V.,		State:	96.8%
	1991-95:	4.2%	U.S.:	115.7%



EMPLOYER'S REPORT OF WAGES PAID FOR 1995

Abbruzzese, Maria K.	1,126.84
Alagna, Jacqueline	6,059.32
Alberto, Lisa M.	6,978.47
Alexander, Mark A.	1,898.72
Alger, Karlene A.	13,648.99
Alger, Timothy J.	549.48
Andreotti, Joanne	25,389.83
Andrews, Carol A.	5,671.31
Ansart, Mark J.	500.00
Antolini, Gina A.	6,160.33
Antonuccio, Anthony R.	62.34
Antosca, Deborah A.	38,470.19
Apicella, Susan	30,653.06
Arcudi, Mary T.	100.26
Ares, Donna M.	24,768.82
Ashworth, Linda G.	6,857.87
Atchue, Sally J.	24,048.21
Bacon, William H.	1,480.37
Balanca, John M.	659.38
Balkus, Rita B.	3,474.75
Balog, Christine	7,374.82
Barclay, Bruce	52,138.26
Barry, Paul	37,092.54
Bary, Tania A.	3,281.00
Bartlett, Christine R.	14,032.65
Bassignani, Stephen	81.27
Beckvold, Keith E.	1,461.23
Bega, Scott R.	29,003.35
Berry, Vickie	8,616.17
Best, Victor G.	42,246.04
Betancourt, David	34,520.85
Bielski, Robert J.	55.41
Binney, Kathy E.	3,632.62
Blais, Kathleen A.	33,998.05
Blatz, Paul	29,220.93
Bliss, David B.	40,474.72
Bliss, Mary L.	200.40
Boldy, Todd E.	25,498.45
Boyle, Geoffrey	2,049.00
Brayshaw, Paul A.	472.83
Bresciani, Gemma M.	85.95
Bresciani, Paul	170.86
Burberry, Jacqueline	26,143.96
Burke, Christine H.	817.49
Butler, M. Kelley	30,216.06
Cahill, Barry R.	43,908.99
Canali, Paul F.	1,152.77
Candini, Marian E.	42,239.07
Carbone, Robert A.	1,150.27

EMPLOYER'S REPORT OF WAGES PAID FOR 1995

Carboni, Cheryl	42,835.75
Carboni, Janet	20,566.97
Carchio, David R.	1,503.02
Carlson, June S.	142.65
Camaroli, Albert P.	158.00
Camaroli, David P.	453.71
Carpenter, Mildred L.	277.04
Carron, Leeann	901.26
Carron, Mark A.	37,202.76
Cassidy, Kerry Ann	563.53
Chaisson, Michael F.	4,018.15
Chapman, Susan I.	28,127.39
Clare, Nancy J.	184.42
Classon, Tracy Lynch	24,579.52
Cogliandro, Kathleen Ann	3,327.43
Colantoni, Jean L.	11,805.54
Colcord, Patricia M.	3,019.04
Colcord, Robert L.	863.47
Collette, Coleen	44,763.53
Collins, Christine H.	29,066.70
Collins, Nancy A.	29,510.95
Collins, Nancy A.	330.00
Comforti, Patricia F.	6,268.62
Conlin, Pamela	42,099.39
Conlin, Scott D.	55.41
Cooper, Donald L.	34,718.90
Cornell, Lucille M.	17,130.03
Costanza, Eugene P.	47,234.42
Costanza, Louis J.	432.79
Cote, Margaret H.	119.45
Cowen, Janice L.	5,961.02
Cowen, John	3,465.60
Cowles, Marie S.	5,128.48
Creighton, Alice	47,992.22
Cullen, Suzan	41,863.49
Curley, James P.	11,385.97
Curley, Michael J.	1,416.18
D'Urso, Deirdre J.	28,424.40
D'Urso, Thomas R.	46,344.33
DaFonte, Maria G.	12,077.38
Daige, Richard	664.00
Daige, Thomas A.	37,671.34
Daige, Thomas M. Jr.	4,432.00
Dalton, Jaime M.	789.36
DeGeorge, Jane	15,521.94
Dec, Charlotte	26,587.79
Dec, Theodore C.	20,082.55
Delannoy, Denise M.	23,790.21
DeLuca, Janet	43,948.29
Dennet, Viola	6,030.84

EMPLOYER'S REPORT OF WAGES PAID FOR 1995

DePonte, Robert S.	34,040.11
DeSantis, Brenda J.	1,480.37
DiLiddo, Kellie A.	5,936.57
Dillon, Jr., John J.	145.91
DiPietropolo, John E.	961.75
DiPietropolo, John T.	1,592.47
Dorr, Frances L.	14,649.94
Draper, Mary L.	6,050.53
Drisko, Joan	14,289.50
Drugan, Joseph P.	340.71
Dunham, Christine Marie	30,202.55
Dunn, Suzanne G.W.	28,881.90
Durgin, David M.	39,729.30
Dutra, Joanne F.	3,189.45
Eaton, Suzanne E.	39.53
Eaton, Suzanne E.	739.94
Edwards, Virginia M.	18,728.45
Ekwall, Merideth L.	8,934.04
Elliott, Kathryn N.	245.50
Englund, Ann D.	1,086.22
Erickson, Todd R.	6,866.39
Espanet, Melissa M.	24,438.61
Espanet, Richard P.	159.17
Fairbanks, Margaret A.	1,000.00
Farrar, Jr., John E.	499.88
Farrer, Christopher M.	340.00
Farrer, Sandra L.	13,654.07
Fielder, Janice	41,495.72
Fielder, Janice	1,339.80
Flaherty, Nanci M.	433.01
Fleury, Karen Ann	135.77
Fox, Beth Barbara	41,127.12
Fraga, Louis	48,924.16
Fullum, Sean P.	703.32
Gaffney, Charles F.	27,793.09
Gaffney, Christopher K.	41,365.42
Gagnon, John P.	35,349.00
Gagnon, Robert S.	1,277.64
Garabedian, Kathleen	31,202.94
Gardner, James M.	41,567.82
Garozzo, Marie T.	1,246.72
Gately, Dorothy P.	46,852.96
Gautreau, Ronald P.	24,326.26
Gautreau, Ronald P.	15,301.50
Geary, John J.	838.80
Gilbertson, Linda	27,518.60
Gilbertson, Jr., Robert E.	5,988.29
Ginorio, Kristina R.	215.28
Giovanella, Mark A.	28,260.56
Glenn, Sally Ann	1,516.07

EMPLOYER'S REPORT OF WAGES PAID FOR 1995

Godbout, Shirley	36,596.70
Godbout, Shirley	720.00
Grady, Alison M.	1,469.76
Graham, Patricia J.	166.23
Greene, Ann	41,996.33
Greene, Ann L.	2,281.00
Griffin, Jean A.	417.40
Griffin, Richard E.	235.49
Gross, Linda	64,689.64
Guertin, Patricia	9,917.82
Hallion, Andrea M.	66,219.62
Hanam, Francis X.	730.20
Hanam, June E.	33,292.90
Hanlon, June L.	62.83
Hayes, Donald	82,868.96
Heron, Lawrence	52,073.96
Hester, Charles E.	3,917.64
Hickey, Victoria D.	261.81
Hill, Craig E.	1,174.99
Hill, Patricia A.	120.00
Hobbs, Doreen E.	34,612.24
Hoey, Jacquelyn	631.93
Holbert, Christina S.	11,332.17
Hopkinson, Allan G.	55.41
Hourihan, Jr., John T.	1,264.27
Howard, Mary E.	11,204.14
Izzo, Leonard A.	5,033.07
Jacarusio, Janet O.	5,251.11
Jacobs, Sherry L.	286.07
Jarvis, Jacquelyn	173.37
Johnson, Dianne M.	26,290.76
Johnson, John	288.52
Johnson, Kelley B.	2,174.40
Johnson, Nancy A.	37,941.12
Julian, Cathy E.	2,734.43
Kearsley, Michelle L.	548.56
Keefe, Brenda J.	2,240.97
Kehoe, Michael D.	4,184.09
Keller, Jennifer H.	206.88
Kelley, Jr., Henry	45,990.03
Kelley, Jr., Henry	330.00
Kelly, Christine B.	3,529.68
Keough, Karen G.	40,229.49
Kita, Deborah E.	36,942.87
Kleya, Jacquelyn	42,679.30
Klocek, Donald	44,557.36
Klocek, Donald	3,547.00
Knox, Amy Marie	55.41
Kochon, Barbara H.	8,648.37
Kosciak, Deborah M.	29.00

EMPLOYER'S REPORT OF WAGES PAID FOR 1995

Kraimer, Elaine M.	12,654.33
Kut, Joyce	7,513.69
L'Etalien, Adrien J.	23,476.00
L'Etalien, Steven	701.01
Lachina, Alberta	46,064.30
Lalime, Andrew R.	498.69
Lamphere, Donna	24,316.55
Lavelle, Ann R.	2,160.90
Lavender, Teresa J.	698.16
LeClaire, Jane M.	8,740.00
Lemay, Donnamarie	266.27
Lemon, Sandra	12,545.06
Lessard, Carol E.	9,250.07
Lewis, Cynthia	103.14
Lewis, Gloria	11,827.40
Lewis, Ronald	41,403.12
Longobardi, Judith	28,298.27
Longobardi, Kelly E.	855.70
Lopes, Elizabeth F.	7,096.53
Lourie, Blanche M.	1,623.12
Luchini, Jeanne F.	2,807.44
Lucier, Virginia	562.14
MacDonald, Barbara A.	7,939.42
MacDonald, Kevin P.	258.88
MacDonald, Jr., Paul A.	459.44
MacDonald, Paul W.	24,413.54
MacLean, James S.	1,364.53
MacLean, Janet L.	6,473.95
Maeder, Bruce P.	782.75
Maffei, Amanda A.	13,887.50
Main, Brian H.	956.52
Malloy, Elaine F.	26,719.41
Malloy, Thomas F.	8,317.44
Malnati, Colleen A.	3,256.78
Malnati, Robert M.	1,473.16
Mank, Richard P.	49,996.54
Marcello, Anthony H.	28,138.41
Marcotte, Barbara A.	19,562.94
Mastroianni, A. J.	2,338.56
Mattie, Anne L.	13,582.07
McCallum, James R.	3,206.00
McGovern, Daniel J.	432.79
McGrath, Donna	44,203.09
McIntire, David R.	71.57
Mei, Robert	2,468.42
Melenkevitch, Rory	2,372.00
Melle, Barbara L.	1,883.94
Metcalf, II, William S.	1,254.49
Milanoski, Dorothy C.	200.40
Milhomme, Glen W.	193.88

EMPLOYER'S REPORT OF WAGES PAID FOR 1995

Minichielli, Wayne J.	37,221.20
Mitchell, Peter B.	480.87
Mooradian, Marilyn	42,896.12
Moore, Michelle K.	332.46
Morgan, Lynne	41,077.13
Morgan, Lynne K.	2,226.00
Morris, Pauline	27,838.83
Morris, Sandra L.	60.00
Morrissey, Kathleen F.	28,001.13
Muise, Penny J.	55.41
Mullaney, Dorothy M.	3,067.05
Mulready, Susan A.	36,548.97
Mulvey, Michelle R.	266.27
Murphy, Harold V.	1,304.36
Murray, David M.	1,457.95
Murray, Russell J.	17,090.29
Myette, Willie G.E.	5,587.17
Neuding, Jan M.	14,266.19
Neuding, Jan	12,663.37
Nicholson, Daniel	51,346.15
Nicholson, Daniel	3,341.00
Nolan, Norman F.	895.29
Noyes, Merwin L.	22,846.30
Ogilvie, Marilee O.	1,197.69
Onorato, Joseph R.	470.98
Pacella, Donna M.	55.41
Pacheco, Lori	38,287.47
Pacheco, Steven E.	1,867.46
Packard, Lee	49,739.36
Page, Janet R.	29,546.04
Pagnini, Robert F.	11,550.00
Palumbo, Linda R.	1,668.63
Pannichelli, Joan	8,939.34
Pantano, Beth A.	7,015.59
Pardee, Bridget L.	3,083.79
Parker, Deborah A.	36,911.62
Passamonte, Bonnie	226.74
Patton, Lynne A.	3,966.76
Pendleton, David L.	1,354.89
Perry, George L.	13,713.91
Phillips, Brenda L.	55.41
Phillips, Linda J.	44,715.42
Pigeon, Lisa Marie	19,140.59
Potty, Eli J.	43,228.86
Rains, Carol P.	1,329.82
Rapp, Pamela F.	43,026.12
Rasmussen, Jamie C.	1,525.16
Reickert, Andrea L.	1,785.81
Renda, Joseph J.	48,375.30
Reynolds, James J.	498.69

EMPLOYER'S REPORT OF WAGES PAID FOR 1995

Rich, David J.	55.41
Rich, William	47,282.27
Romett, D. Graham	1,422.26
Sales, Elizabeth W.	286.87
Salvucci, Cathy A.	207.09
Santacroce, Ronald	47,136.34
Santacroce, Ronald	610.00
Sawyer, David H.	577.05
Scano, Alice M.	43,199.81
Schaeffer, Luanne	166.08
Sherman, Cynthia L.	20.78
Shimkus, Albert	1,383.40
Shindle, Lori P.	55.41
Skorupa, Candace C.	23,356.84
Small, Joseph J.	2,006.00
Smith, Pamela J.	35,669.49
Sparks, David	3,650.72
Sparling, Jr., Alfred H.	817.49
Spence, Patti J.	16,831.27
Spinazola, Jr., Joseph	45,994.63
Spindola, Kenneth J.	1,308.09
Stanias, Dorothy L.	4,160.55
Stare, Josephine	8,529.90
Stock, Adele	45,688.57
Stock, Adele	330.00
Stock, Bernard	100.00
Sweet, Steven J.	31,852.40
Swift, Walter R.	286.87
Talamini, Joseph A.	837.36
Tanguay, Ronda L.	30,192.05
Tarella, Kathleen M.	5,308.87
Tattersall, Elizabeth A.	13,015.15
Tetreault, Eileen M.	28,273.48
Tetreault, Walter	419.16
Thomas, Sheila A.	4,535.69
Thompson, Ruth	41,074.22
Thorp, Paul V.	14,043.88
Tweed, James F.	1,423.56
Tusino, Michael A.	2,493.45
Vaillancourt, Nancy E.	92.35
Verdolino, Nancy Kelly	29,864.47
Volpe, Richard L.	1,057.92
Wajda, Ann M.	21,636.39
Walker, Jacqueline A.	32,562.48
Walker, Laurie L.	4,093.94
Wasnewski, Andrea M.	6,709.66
Watkins, Robert G.	145.91
Watson, Timothy J.	31,030.33
Wellman, Gail L.	643.50
Wheatley, C. Dorothy	31,933.06

EMPLOYER'S REPORT OF WAGES PAID FOR 1995

Whitten, III, Francis	32,495.52
Whitten, Francis	19,107.05
Wodin, Laurie S.	26,684.94
Wood, Robert	56,347.77
Woolhiser, James	27,855.64

5,121,619.86

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Certified Public Accountants

October 25, 1995

To the Board of Selectmen
of the Town of Hopedale:

In planning and performing our audit of the general purpose financial statements of the Town of Hopedale, Massachusetts, for the year ended June 30, 1995, we considered its internal control structure in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the general purpose financial statements and not to provide assurance on the internal control structure. However, we noted certain matters involving the internal control structure and its operation that we consider to be reportable conditions under standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. Reportable conditions involve matters coming to our attention relating to significant deficiencies in the design or operation of the internal control structure that, in our judgment, could adversely affect the Town's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial data consistent with the assertions of management in the general purpose financial statements.

In our consideration of the internal control structure, we noted the absence of appropriate segregation of duties consistent with internal control structure objective relating to the performance of transaction processing functions within the finance department. We also noted that reconciliations of water and sewer department receivable account balances were not prepared during the year. As a result, variances exist between account balances per the Town's general ledger and totals of supporting detail maintained by the water and sewer department. Such differences were not considered material to the general purpose financial statements.

A material weakness is a reportable condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the specific internal control structure elements does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that errors or irregularities in amounts that would be material in relation to the general purpose financial statements being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions.

Our consideration of the internal control structure would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control structure that might be reportable conditions and, accordingly, would not necessarily disclose all reportable conditions that are also considered to be material weaknesses as defined above. However, we believe the reportable condition described above is not a material weakness.

In addition, this letter discusses other observations not considered to be material weaknesses, and our related recommendations which, if implemented would serve to strengthen the Town's internal control structure. We have also included comments and suggestions with respect to other matters as part of the ongoing process of improving financial and administrative management, policies and procedures.

Town management is responsible for establishing and maintaining an internal control structure. In fulfilling this responsibility, estimates and judgments by management are required to assess the expected benefits and related costs of internal control structure policies and procedures. The objectives of an internal control structure are to provide management with reasonable, but not absolute, assurance that assets are safeguarded against loss from unauthorized use or disposition, and that transactions are executed in accordance with management's authorization and recorded properly to permit the preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

Because of inherent limitations in any internal control structure, errors or irregularities may nevertheless occur and not be detected. Also, projection of any evaluation of the structure to future periods is subject to the risk that procedures may become inadequate because of changes in conditions or that the effectiveness of the design and operation of policies and procedures may deteriorate.

This report is intended for the information of the Board of Selectmen and management of the Town of Hopedale, the United States Department of Education and other associated federal and state organizations. However, this report is a matter of public record and its distribution is not limited.

Kedston & Lowry P.C.

Town of Hopedale, Massachusetts
Management Letter
June 30, 1995

FINANCE DEPARTMENT RESTRUCTURING

Observation:

We have commented for several years upon a reportable condition, so-called, regarding the absence of segregation of duties consistent with internal control structure objectives relating to the performance of transaction processing functions within the finance department. Admittedly, there is little hope of significantly increasing finance department staffing to fully segregate all related functions. Nevertheless, we observed substantial progress in the operation of the department during fiscal year 1995 (in one area) and have a related recommendation for overall improvement (in another).

Through joint effort, the Town Accountant and Town Treasurer/Collector have brought current the reconciliation process relating to cash and are nearing the same status for taxes receivable. Such efforts obviated a long-standing reportable condition in this space and, more importantly, made the reporting of the Town's main assets more reliable.

However, reconciliation and other key processing controls relating to the Town's Water and Sewer Department receivables have deteriorated to the point where it has displaced the above as a reportable condition. The next comment explains this observation in more detail. We offer, as a means of eliminating this condition from restatement next year, the recommendation discussed in the following paragraph.

Recommendation:

We believe that the Town should consider restructuring its finance department, including ways which will (1) bring the same resources to bear on the water and sewer receivables as successfully addressed the cash and taxes receivable, and (2) help to mitigate the overall finding of lack of complete segregation of duties within the department. Therefore, we recommend the following:

- Responsibilities for collection (and related transaction processing) of Water and Sewer Department receivables should be given to the Town Treasurer/Collector, subject to the same controls and expertise afforded by that office.
- Reporting to the Town Accountant of water and sewer billing data (by the Department's clerk) and collection, refunds and account adjustments (by the Town Treasurer/Collector) would promote the reconciliation process and ensure maximum reliability of reported data.

- Resource changes within the finance department based on the foregoing could be effected with an eye to minimizing the overlapping of duties between departments, especially between the Town Accountant and Town Treasurer/Collector.
- Finally, the Town should consider designating (as opposed to hiring, which is not likely to be as cost-effective) one of its officials as formal head of the Town's finance department. Such a restructuring would foster greater accountability for all internal control objectives relating to the Town's financial activities.

WATER AND SEWER DEPARTMENT RECEIVABLES

Observation:

The Water and Sewer Department was unable to provide a detailed listing of water and sewer receivables as of June 30, 1995. In addition, the Town Accountant and Water and Sewer Department staff have been unable to reconcile the general ledger water and sewer receivables to the detail maintained by the Water and Sewer Department.

The Town should maintain a permanent record of details of water and sewer receivables at yearend. The procedures which we used to recreate, as of June 30, 1995, the detail of such receivables left an unreconciled variance between the Water and Sewer Department and the Town Accountant. Although the variance was immaterial, water and sewer receivables should be reconciled to the general ledger as a routine procedure. It appears that the Water and Sewer Department records and reports activity in different accounting periods than does the Town Accountant. Therefore, cut-off procedures relating to reporting and recording of water and sewer billings and receipts should be reviewed to facilitate monthly reconciling of detail receivables to the general ledger.

Recommendation:

We strongly recommend that, as a result of improvements in departmental operating procedures, water and sewer receivables should be reconciled on an ongoing basis.

REAL ESTATE, MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE AND PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES RECEIVABLE FOR FISCAL YEARS 1995 AND 1994

Observation:

Detailed listings of real estate and motor vehicle excise tax receivables for fiscal year 1995, and personal property tax receivables for fiscal years 1994 and 1995, were not available for our audit. The accounting software used by the Town Treasurer/Collector's office is unable to generate detailed reports of prior period receivables once activity for a new month has been recorded. Consequently, to obtain assurance as to the fair presentation of such receivables as of June 30, 1995, it was necessary for us to use alternative audit procedures, including performing a roll-back of receivables from available detail as of July 31, 1995.

A permanent record of yearend account balances should be maintained by the Town. The inability to provide details of receivables lengthened our audit process and necessitated additional work for the Town Treasurer/Collector. We are pleased to note, however, that the Town Treasurer/Collector and the Town Accountant have been reconciling total receivables on a monthly basis. As a result, no audit adjustment of tax receivable account balances was required.

Recommendation:

Production and retention of yearend receivable reports should become a standard part of yearend closing procedures as well as the monthly account reconciliation process.

REAL ESTATE, MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE AND PERSONAL PROPERTY
TAXES RECEIVABLE FOR FISCAL YEARS PRIOR TO 1994

Observation:

Real estate, personal property and motor vehicle excise tax receivables for years prior to fiscal year 1994 are maintained on Cardinal Municipal System (CMS) software. There are currently approximately \$10,000 of credit balances included in pre-1994 receivables.

The Town Treasurer/Collector, by issuing a series of demand notices on pre-1994 receivables, believes that the fiscal year 1991-1993 detail receivable balances due are accurate. However, the Town Treasurer/Collector questions the accuracy of credits being shown on the CMS system, due in part to the age of the related data; there have been no taxpayer requests for refunds related to these credit balances.

Recommendation:

As these credit balances are over two years old, and the cost of further investigation and analysis appears to outweigh any benefit, we recommend that the Town write-off these balances.

MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAXES RECEIVABLE

Observation:

The general ledger includes \$38,000 in motor vehicle excise taxes receivable from fiscal years 1990 and prior. The Town Treasurer/Collector has no detail to support these balances. The validity and collectibility of these receivables is questionable as the Town is unable to identify the past due balances.

Recommendation:

After all reasonable effort to obtain information concerning these accounts has been exhausted, we recommend that unidentified motor vehicle excise tax receivables from fiscal years 1990 and prior be written-off.

LIABILITY FOR INSURANCE WITHHOLDING

Observation:

The Town was unable to provide details of a \$28,000 general ledger liability representing insurance withholding from employees for June, July and August, 1995 insurance premiums and one month insurance premium prepaid by all employees. Each employee pays two months' insurance premiums during the first month of employment. When the employee terminates, insurance coverage is extended for the month following termination. However, the Town has no listing of employees who have prepaid nor of the related amounts which were thus expended. It is likely that the prepaid premium is less than the premium prevailing at the time an employee terminates.

Recommendation:

A detailed analysis by employee of prepaid health insurance should be prepared and updated on a recurring basis. Terminated employees should be charged for the difference between the actual premium incurred on their behalf and that which was previously withheld.

PERFORMANCE BOND DEPOSITS

Observation:

A bank account holding performance bond deposits is neither included in the Quarterly Report of Reconciliation of Treasurer's Cash nor recorded on the general ledger. Although the performance bond funds held are immaterial to the Town's financial statements, all Town assets should be recorded on the general ledger. As required by generally accepted accounting principles, performance bond deposits should be accounted for in an Agency Fund, separate from other Town funds and not related to its General (operating) Fund.

Recommendation:

The Town Accountant should record the performance bond bank account on the general ledger and the Town Treasurer should include this account in the Quarterly Report of Reconciliation of Treasurer's Cash. Note that while accounting for the activity of Agency Fund transactions is not required by generally accepted accounting principles, an informal transaction register would assist in performing necessary cash reconciliations.

INACTIVE BANK ACCOUNTS

Observation:

We noted several bank accounts maintained by the Town which have been inactive for over one year. Specifically, the inactive accounts are the "old" payroll account at BayBank Middlesex, a General Fund account at Quincy Savings Bank, and a Stabilization Fund account at Milford National Bank. The total amount of funds in these accounts as of June 30, 1995 approximates \$48,000.

The aforementioned accounts earn nominal interest and should be consolidated into existing, higher-yield accounts. This would also reduce reconciliation and account reporting and maintenance time currently incurred by the Town Treasurer/Collector.

Recommendation:

Since by doing so there will be an increase both in investment earnings and operating efficiency, we recommend that all inactive bank accounts be closed.

COLLATERALIZED MUNICIPAL MONEY MARKET ACCOUNT

Observation:

The Town maintains a collateralized municipal money market account with a commercial bank. This account provides 100% collateral on deposited funds, in the form of United States government debt instruments.

The terms of the collateral agreement allow the Town to request from the participating bank, not more often than quarterly, a statement of the securities constituting the collateral. Although the account was opened in 1993, the Town has not to date requested a listing of the securities held by the bank as collateral.

Recommendation:

We recommend that the Town periodically request and review a statement of the securities constituting the collateral to oversee compliance that the Town's assets are being properly safeguarded.

CASH ACCOUNT RECONCILING ITEMS

Observation:

Our review of bank account reconciliations revealed old, outstanding reconciling items which should be researched and resolved or written off from the general ledger. Bank account reconciling items include insufficient funds (NSF) checks deposited over two years ago totaling \$4,600, outstanding checks from 1990 and 1991 totaling \$3,800, and an immaterial variance between the bank balance and the Town Treasurer/Collector's balance carried forward for many months.

The Town has no detail of the NSF checks, which precede the current Town Treasurer/Collector's employment. We are pleased to report that the Town Treasurer/Collector and Town Accountant have been reconciling cash on a monthly basis and are filing the Quarterly Report of Reconciliation of Treasurer's Cash in a timely manner.

Recommendation:

We recommend that the unidentified NSF checks, 1990-1991 outstanding checks, and recurring immaterial variance in the payables bank reconciliation be appropriately adjusted in the general ledger.

COLLATERALIZED/INSURED BANK DEPOSITS

Observation:

We are required to provide financial statement disclosure relating to the insured or collateralized status of the Town's June 30, 1995 bank deposits. As of that date, approximately 45% (\$1,056,000) of the Town's deposits held in financial institutions were uninsured. Our disclosure for the June 30, 1995 financial statements appears unfavorable, as the Town's exposure for uninsured deposits is substantial.

Recommendation:

The Town Treasurer/Collector should anticipate and plan for regularly scheduled deposits from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and ensure that related funds are immediately transferred to a fully-insured bank account. The Treasurer/Collector should also endeavor to maintain all other account balances under the F.D.I.C. maximum \$100,000 insured limit. This process would be facilitated by automatic transfer accounts. (See discussion described in the succeeding comment.)

AUTOMATIC TRANSFER ACCOUNTS

Observation:

We noted that the Town Treasurer/Collector must telephone wire transfer instructions to financial institutions on a regular basis to transfer funds from the Town's depository account to its payable and payroll accounts. Additionally, we noted an instance at yearend where a wire transfer authorized by the Town Treasurer/Collector was not processed by the financial institution.

Bank services are available from many financial institutions which will, on a daily basis, transfer funds on an as-needed basis from an entity's depository account to its various disbursement accounts. More specifically for the Town of Hopedale, the desired service would automatically debit the Town's depository account and credit the Town's payable or payroll account as checks are presented for payment. This service would allow for the Town's payable and payroll accounts to function as true zero-balance accounts.

The Town could realize both additional interest income and time savings through use of these services. Specifically, automatic transfer accounts would allow the Town to maintain funds in higher yielding and fully-insured accounts (e.g., its existing collateralized municipal money market account), until such time as the monies are required for daily check clearings. This would also allow the Town Treasurer/Collector to take advantage of other investment opportunities not currently utilized.

For example, funds which would, under the existing system, be immediately transferred to the payroll account upon issuance of the payroll could now be available for overnight investment (e.g., fully collateralized repurchase agreements), until such time as payroll checks are cashed. This bank service also would alleviate the need for telephoning wire transfer instructions and reduce the number of required steps in account reconciliation process. The Town Treasurer/Collector would telephone an automated bank service line to obtain details of the daily account activity, which would be reported to the Town Accountant.

Recommendation:

We recommend that the Town Treasurer/Collector consider the use of automatic transfer/zero balance account banking services.

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

Observation:

On April 11, 1995, Town Meeting approved a \$35,000 appropriation transfer from the Stabilization Fund to the School Department operating budget. At fiscal yearend, \$34,745 of unexpended appropriations were closed out from the School Department budget as these monies were not spent or encumbered by the School Department prior to June 30, 1995.

The foregoing was substantially explained by two separate issues. First, a double payment of a collaborative tuition invoice was made in the amount of \$16,545. The duplicate payment was returned to the Town on June 30, 1995. The School Department had considered those funds as spent when requesting the aforementioned Stabilization Fund transfer. Second, it is our understanding that the School Department intended to encumber approximately \$16,000 for a window replacement project. However, the Town Accountant, having received no written authorization relating to such an encumbrance, properly closed the unspent School Department balance as described above.

The \$35,000 transferred from the Stabilization Fund to the school department was, virtually dollar for dollar, transferred less than three months later to the General Fund via the yearend closing process. As the Stabilization Fund is in many respects the Town's only savings account, it is unfortunate from a financial management and planning standpoint that an unnecessary transfer was made from it.

Recommendation:

While the above may be attributable to isolated exceptions, the duplicate payment and the uncommunicated encumbrance (as well as the issue cited in our next comment) all resulted adversely on the Town's overall financial management objectives. We recommend that the School Department review its procedures and controls to avoid the possibility that these types of problems might recur.

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT RECEIPTS

Observation:

We noted several instances where checks for student activity and school rental receipts were not given to the Town Treasurer/Collector by the School Department on a timely basis. Specifically, approximately \$11,000 of school rental receipts from May and June, 1995, were sent to the Town Treasurer/Collector in late August, 1995. Also, it is our understanding that telephone inquiries from taxpayers are frequently received at Town Hall requesting information as to when student activity fund checks will be cashed by the Town, thus indicative of an unacceptably long delay in their turnover to the Town Treasurer/Collector.

Recommendation:

Failing to turn over cash receipts to the Town Treasurer/Collector results in less than optimum conditions relating to cash management objectives such as investing, safeguarding and reporting. We therefore strongly recommend that all funds received by the School Department be turned over to the Town Treasurer/Collector on a more frequent (not less than weekly) basis.

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT PAYROLL

Observation:

We noted several mathematical errors contained in the payroll information submitted by the School Department to the Town Treasurer/Collector. Specifically, the hours to be paid times the pay rate do not always equal the calculated net pay per the School Department. In these instances, the payroll clerk changes the number of hours to pay so that the net pay per payroll equals the net pay calculated by the School Department. We also noted a case where 251 hours were reported for an employee when the actual hours worked was 21. The error was detected and corrected subsequent to the payroll processing.

Input provided by the School Department is not always mathematically reliable, which creates additional work for the payroll clerk and suggests that appropriate controls are not in place. For example, no total hours batch controls exist which would have detected the above errors prior to processing.

Recommendation:

Batch control totals should be determined and utilized with each payroll processed. In addition, the School Department should critically review its software applications to avoid dissemination of data with mathematical errors. We note that the Town commenced the use of an outside payroll processing service effective July 1, 1995, which may prove cost-effective, but will also create additional process control concerns.

CHECK MAILING PROCEDURES

Observation:

We noted several areas where checks are sent to the School Department for mailing instead of being issued directly by the Town Treasurer/Collector. Further, we noted several instances of checks that were not mailed by the School Department on a timely basis. For example, our review of annuity withholding payments noted an instance where mailing of the remittance was delinquent for a three week period.

Forwarding accounts payable checks to the School Department increases the opportunity for check loss or delay in mailing. Remittance advices or other support for vendor payment should be submitted to the Town Accountant with each warrant request. Consequently, direct mailing of vendor checks by the Town Treasurer/Collector is an appropriate responsibility of that office.

Recommendation:

Therefore, the Town Treasurer/Collector and School Department should review the check mailing procedure and eliminate any unnecessary duplication of effort.

CIVIL RIGHTS POLICY AND DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE ACTS

Observation:

The Town has not fully implemented procedures to comply with either the Civil Rights Policy or Drug-free Workplace Acts.

Recommendation:

We have commented on these deficiencies in our reports from prior year audits. The Town must begin to address and correct findings relating to its participation in federal programs.

COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS AND REGULATIONS

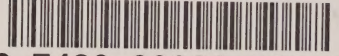
Observation:

The Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986 requires that all employees hired after November 6, 1986 complete Form I-9 to verify their eligibility to work in the United States. We noted several instances of employees hired after that date who have not filled out from I-9.

Recommendation:

All employees hired by the Town should have their work eligibility verified as required by federal law. In addition, personnel files of existing employees hired after the above date should be reviewed to similarly ensure full compliance.

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